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June 24, 1940

J. L. Peiper,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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111 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

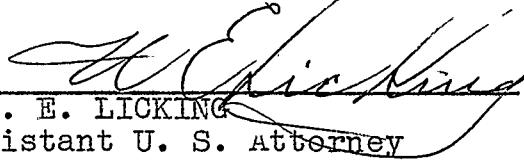
This office has received about one hundred and fifty communications protesting the prosecution of an action to cancel the citizenship of William Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Communist Party of California. These communications are usually in the form of mimeographed penny postcards signed by individuals.

While I do not wish to burden your files with information of this character, I shall be glad to forward you a list of these persons if you feel the same would be helpful.

Respectfully,

FRANK J. HENNESSY
United States Attorney

By


W. E. LICKING
Assistant U. S. Attorney

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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Title and Character of Case:

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SMITH ACT - 1940

Date Property Acquired:

6/29/51

Source From Which Property Acquired:

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

EVIDENCE - PERMANENT

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Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

EIGHTY-EIGHT EXHIBITS RECEIVED WITH SERIAL 1758 HAVING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION:

1. Two photostatic copies of Register Sheets of Lafayette School, Chicago, Ill., 1914 to 1916; and Winfield Scott Schley School, Chicago, Ill., 1916 to 1918.
2. Two photostatic copies of Registercard for WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN at Murray F. Tuley High School, Chicago, Ill., 1918 to 1919.
3. Two photostatic copies of marriage certificate #10273 for WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and REGINA KARASICK in Los Angeles County, California, 9/27.
4. Two photostatic copies of Birth Certificate #16688 for son of FRANK WALDRON and REGINA KARASICK, Los Angeles County, California,
5. Two photostatic copies of Complaint for Divorce, interlocutory decree for divorce, and final decree of divorce, case #269751, County of San Francisco, California, for WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and REGINA SCHNEIDERMAN, 1/27/38.

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6. Two photostatic copies of Birth Certificate #3752 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] born to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and LEAH SCHNEIDER,
[REDACTED] University of California Hospital, San Francisco,
California.
7. Two photostatic copies of marriage certificate #8184 for HAROLD
LLOYD SCHNEIDER and REA ELLEN WYNER, City and County of San
Francisco, California, 10/12/47.
8. Two photostatic copies of Affidavit of Registration #316841,
#413624, #799059, #953993, and #534627 of the Registrar of Voters,
City and County of San Francisco, California, for WILLIAM
SCHNEIDERMAN.
9. Two photostatic copies of certificate of automobile ownership
#2120620 for 1941 and 1949, and #2-208834 for 1950 issued to
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN by Department of Motor Vehicles, State of
California.
10. Two photostatic copies of Orders for Gas and Electric service,
Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco, California,
for the residences of 415 Collingwood Street, 425 Collingwood
Street, 1235-42nd Avenue, and 942 Hayes Street, San Francisco,
California.
11. Two photostatic copies of Orders for Water service, Water
Department of San Francisco, for the residences of 415 Coolingwood
Street, 425 Collingwood Street, 1235-42nd Avenue, and 942 Hayes
Street, San Francisco, California.
12. Two photographic copies of fingerprint card for the arrest of
WILLIAM TAYLOR, 2603 Lake Street, San Francisco, to the San
Francisco Police Department, for violation of Ordinance #4747
and Section 404PC, 9/28/29.
13. Two photostatic copies of record of arrest, Southern District Police
Station, San Francisco, California, for WILLIAM TAYLOR,
2603 Lake Street, San Francisco, California, 9/28/29, 10/9/29,
12/14/29.
14. Two photostatic copies of file on WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, order #847,
serial #2497, at the California State Selective Service Depot,
1730-24th Street, Sacramento, California.
15. Two photostatic copies of letter, 9/20/40, to the Secretary of
State, Sacramento, California, from PETTIS PERRY, Chairman, State
Executive Committee, Communist Party of California and letter,
9/18/42, to the Secretary of State, Sacramento, California, from
ANITA WHITNEY, Communist Party of California.
16. Two photostatic copies of Communist Party Appointment Certificates,
9/16/36, 9/17/36, 9/15/38, 9/7/40, 9/19/40, 9/14/42, and
credentials from California State Central Committee, Communist
Party, USA, 9/16/36, on file with the Secretary of State,
California.

17. Two photostatic copies of signature cards for the Communist Party, USA, District 13; and the Communist Party of California, 10/31/39, 10/28/42, 11/12/42, 10/2/45, 10/11/46, 3/26/47, 12/1/47, 3/1/49, for the Day and Night Branch, Bank of America, San Francisco, California.
18. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 10/28/35, pg. 1, col. 2.
19. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 12/26/35, pg. 2, col. 3-4.
20. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 1/2/36, pg. 2, col. 1-3.
21. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 3/26/36, pg. 1, col. 2.
22. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 6/29/36, pg. 1, col. 7-8.
23. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 8/23/37, pg. 1, col. 2-3.
24. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 11/31/42, pg. 8, col. 3-5.
25. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 6/22/43, pg. 1, col. 1-3.
26. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 5/31/44, pg. 4, col. 1.
27. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 12/29/44, pg. 1, col. 6.
28. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 4/4/45, pg. 3, col. 2-3.
29. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 7/19/45, pg. 3, col. 1-5.
30. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 12/27/50, pg. 2, col. 4-5.
31. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 1/3/51, pg. 2, col. 1-5.
32. Two photostatic copies of letter to Mr. A. ALLEN POST, Legislative Auditor, Sacramento, California, 4/20/51, from SCHNEIDERMAN and OLETA YATES on letterhead from the Communist Party of California.
33. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 5/7/36, pg. 2, col. 4.

34. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 11/16/36, pg. 3, col. 2.
35. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 1/22/43, pg. 2, col. 5-7.
36. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 10/4/39, pg. 3, col. 2-3.
37. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 11/14/41, pg. 1, col. 6.
38. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 4/1/42, pg. 3, col. 4-6.
39. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 12/6/43, pg. 3, col. 4-5.
40. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from teh Daily People's World, 1/5/45, pg. 3, col. 7-8.
41. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 2/19/46, pg. 3, col. 1-2.
42. Two photostatic copies of leaflet describing the Marxist Centennial Lecture Series at 228 McAllister St., San Francisco, California.
43. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 3/31/48, pg. 2, col. 2.
44. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 8/29/47, pg. 1, col. 7-8.
45. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 11/19/48, pg. 4, col. 1.
46. Two photostatic c opies of news clipping from the Daily People's W6rld, 1/23/50, pg. 10, col. 1-3.
47. Two photostati c copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 10/3/50, pg. 3, col. 2-5.
48. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 7/20/36, pg. 1, col. 3.
49. Two photostatic copies of "The Communist", vol. 20, #6, 6/41.
50. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 12/18/41, pg. 3, col. 4-5.
51. Two photostatic copies of pamphlet entitled, "Everything for Unity and Victory", by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, published by the State Committee, Communist Party of California.

52. Two photostatic copies of "The Communist", vol. 21, #7, 8/41.
53. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 4/28/43, pg. 3, col. 5-7.
54. Two photostatic copies of "The Commuhist", vol. 22, #7, 7/43.
55. Two photostatic copies of "The Communist", vol. 22, #12, 12/43.
56. Two photostatic copies of "The Communist", vol. 23, #7, 7/44.
57. Two photostatic copies of Discussion Bulletin #6, issued by the California State Committee, Communist Political Association, 7/45.
58. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 1/11/46, pg. 7, col. 1-3,
59. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 1/17/47, pg. 2, col. 6-8.
60. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 3/12/47, pg. 1, col. 1.
61. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 3/19/47, pg. 6, col. 6.
62. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 6/18/47, pg. 6, col. 2-4.
63. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 6/19/47, pg. 6, col. 2-4.
64. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 6/20/47. pg. 6, col. 3-5.
65. Two photostatic copies of news clipping fromtthe Daily People's World, 12/10/47, pg. 2, col. 2-6.
66. Two photostatic copies of the leaflet, "The Communist Manifesto in Pictures", published and copyrighted by the International Book Store Inc., San Francisco, California, 1948.
67. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 5/4/48, pg. 2, col. 6-8.
68. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 5/13/48, pg. 2, col. 6-8.
69. Two photostatic copies of State Convention report issued by the California State Committee, Communist Party of California, 8/21/48.
70. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 9/20/49, pg. 2, col. 2-7.
71. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 12/30/49, gp. 4, col. 1-4 (Our Times Section)

72. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 2/7/50, pg. 3, col. 1.
73. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 10/10/50, pg. 2, col. 4-5.
74. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 12/5/50, pg. 4, col. 1.
75. Two photostatic copies of the magazine "Political Affairs", 10/49.
76. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 9/10/41, pg. 1, col. 5.
77. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 2/15/46, pg. 3, col. 1-2.
78. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 6/30/43, pg. 1, col. 1.
79. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 8/1/45, pg. 3, col. 3-5.
80. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 2/9/51, pg. 3, col. 4-5.
81. Two photostatic copies of minutes of State Convention, Communist Party of California, held 9/15/38 and 9/16/38,
82. Two photostatic copies of agenda for the Northern California Party and Press Bldg. Conference, San Francisco, California, 6/15/47.
83. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Western Worker, 6/11/36, pg. 1, col. 7.
84. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 5/24/44, pg. 1, col. 4-5.
85. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 4/9/44, pg. 4, col. 1-3.
86. Two photostatic copies of news clipping from the Daily People's World, 8/7/48, pg. 8, col. 1-2.
87. Two photostatic copies of California State Legislature Assembly Daily Journal for 9/22/40.
88. Two photostatic copies of leases of the Coldwell Banker adn Company, 57 Sutter Street, San Francisco, C_llifornia, 7/28/44 and 1/16/50, to the Communist Political association, and to the Communist Party of California, respectively.

BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 6-29-51

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

INTERNAL SECURITY-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940
(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent ROY ERICKSON

Source from which obtained CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Address See Serial 1758, pg. 191 to 221

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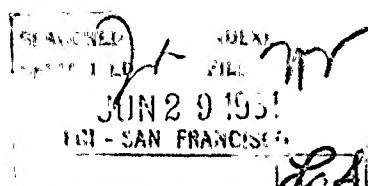
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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 7-2-51*William Delciderman*
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(Title of case)Submitted by Special Agent E. THIBAULT *R. L. Erickson*Source from which obtained R. T. SIMPSON, InspectorAddress NARCOTICS BUREAU, S.F.Purpose for which acquired EVIDENCELocation of bulky exhibit BULKY EXHIBIT STORAGE CABINETEstimated date of disposition PERMANENTUltimate disposition to be made of exhibit TO BE RETAINEDList of contents:

1. Democratic Centralism, issued by SF and California State Educational Department, Communist Party of California, 5-4-46.
2. Two copies of American Imperialism in China, issued by State Education Committee, Communist Party of California, 9-12-46.
3. The Party Builder, Issue No.30, 12-2-47.
4. May Day, issued by County Educational Committee, Communist Party of S.F., 4-9-46.
5. World War III Breeds in China, issued by Education Department, CP, USA, 8-22-46.
6. Guide for Reporters on the National Committee Resolution dealing with "The Negro Question," issued by State Educational Department, CP of California, 2-1-47

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7. The Technique of the Mass Campaign, by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, issued by State Education Committee, CP of California, 2-4-47
8. Appendices, Speaker's notes on Campaign Against the Frameup of the Leaders of the CP
9. Leaflets, A Practical Guide, issued by CP of Capifornia, November 1947
10. Report from County Convention, SF Communist Party, Political Report by OLETA YATES
11. The Communist Manifesto in Pictures
12. Report from County Convention, San Francisco CP, Organizational and Ideological Work of the Party, July 1948
13. Campaign Against the Frameup of the Communist Leaders, Speakers' notes, issued by State Educational Department, CP of California
14. Some Ideas on Teaching, issued by Los Angeles County Education Department.
15. The Battle for the Minds of the American People, Report to California State Convention, 7-17-48
16. Two mimeographed letters containing report on "Catholicism in San Francisco"
17. One mimeographed letter containing Report on the Maritime Industry.
18. One mimeographed letter containing Concentration and Profits in the Oil Industry, dated 6-5-46
19. Two mimeographed reports entitled "Nationalization of the Coal Industry," by ARTHUR L. HORNER.
20. Two mimeographed reports entitled "The Democratic Development of Yugoslavia," by P. POMERANTSEV
21. One mimeographed report entitled "LENINISM--it's time to expose failures of economic reformists by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER."
22. One mimeographed report entitled "Toward a New Crash?" by EUGENE VARGA
23. The Party Review, Pre-Convention Discussion, Bulletin No. 3
24. The Party Review, Pre-Convention Discussion, Bulletin No. 2
25. Our Party, Pre-Convention Discussion, Bulletin No.4
26. Our Party, Pre-Convention Discussion Bulletin No. 5
27. Guide to the Discussion of the National Committee Meeting, December 3,4,5, 1946, issued by the National Educational Committee, CP, USA.

BULKY EXHIBIT

(Various dates)
Date received 6/30/51 to 8/31/51WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent Roy L. EricksonSource from which obtained Various sourcesAddress See descriptive sheetPurpose for which acquired EvidenceLocation of bulky exhibit Bulky Exhibit Env. CabinetEstimated date of disposition PermanentUltimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be retainedList of contents:OB
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- ✓ 1. Declaration of Intention to Become a Citizen of the United States #26427 by Velvel Schneiderman. See serial #1866 P. 119, appendix exhibit #89. Filed 9/15/51. bc
- ✓ 2. Petition for Naturalization #18758 for Velvel Schneiderman. See serial #1866 P. 119, appendix exhibit #89. Filed 9/15/51. bc
- ✓ 3. Certificate of Naturalization #2608994 for William Schneiderman. See serial #1866 P. 119, appendix exhibit #89. Filed 9/15/51. bc
- ✓ 4. Passport Application #R93301 for William Schneiderman filed April 25, 1934. See serial #1866, P. 119, appendix exhibit #90. Filed 9/15/51. bc
- ✓ 5. Manifest of the SS Kroonland filed with the U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, New York City. September 22, 1908. See serial #1866 P. 120, appendix exhibit #91. Filed 9/15/51. bc
- ✓ 6. The Scholastic record for William Schneiderman, 2755 Wnter Street, Los Angeles, California, from the University of California at Los Angeles, See serial #1866 P. 120, appendix exhibit #92. Filed 9/15/51. bc

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7. A petition to the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles for military exemption by William Schneiderman dated February 11, 1924. See serial #1866 p. 120 appendix exhibit #92. Filed 9/15/51. bc
8. An application for William Schneiderman at the University of California at Los Angeles, dated March 3, 1926. See serial #1866 P.120 appendix exhibit #92. Filed 9/15/51. bc
9. Transcript of the High School record for William Schneiderman at Los Angeles High School, 4600 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, 19, California. See serial #1866 P. 121, appendix exhibit #93. Filed 9/15/51. bc
10. Transcript of the High School record of William Schneiderman from the John H. Francis Polytechnic Evening High School, 400 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. See serial #1866P. 121, appendix exhibit #94. Filed 9/15/51. bc
11. Employment card for William Schneiderman, 2755 Winter Street, Los Angeles, California, from the Simon Levi Company, 9935 Richeon Street, Downey, Calif. See serial #1866 P. 122, appendix exhibit #95. Filed 9/15/51. bc
12. A letter written by William Schneiderman, 210 27th Ave. Apartment 5, San Francisco, California, to Louis Schneiderman, October, 1928. See serial #1866 P.122, appendix exhibit #96. Filed 9/15/51. bc
13. Affidavit of Candidacy #109 for William Schneiderman at the primary election, City of Minneapolis, dated April 21, 1931. See serial #1866 P.122, appendix exhibit #97. Filed 9/15/51. bc
14. Identification sheets of the Minneapolis Police Department concerning the arrests of William Schneiderman May 1, 1931 and May 15, 1932. See serial #1866 P.123 appendix exhibit #98. Filed 9/15/51. bc
15. Certificate of Nomination of William Schneiderman as candidate for Governor of Minnesota, dated August 10, 1932. See serial #1866 P.123, appendix exhibit #99. Filed 9/15/51. bc
16. Indictment of the State of Minnesota, County of Dakota, Vs. Norman Horowitz, Morris Carson, and William Schneiderman filed January 15, 1934. See serial #1866 P. 123, appendix exhibit #100. Filed 9/15/51. bc
17. Warrant of arrest, dated December 19, 1930 for William Schneiderman by the State of Connecticut and record of arrest for William Schneiderman, #93131, Police Department, New Haven, Connecticut. See serial #1866 P. 124 appendix exhibit #101. Filed 9/15/51. bc
18. Yearbook of the Young Communist League of America for the year 1937. See serial #1866 P. 124 appendix exhibit #102. Filed 9/15/51. bc
19. Daily People's World, April 24, 1942, page 3, column6. See serial #1866. page 124, appendix exhibit 103. Filed 9/15/51. bc
20. Statement in question and answer form given by William F. Hynes, March 19, 1936 to Albert Del Guercio, Examining Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service

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20. Los Angeles, California, See serial 1866 P. 125, appendix exhibit #104. Filed 9/15/51. bc
21. Membership cards for T. Spilio, dated December 11, 1922 and Jacky Koulis, dated January 20, 1923 signed by William Schneiderman as well as transfer cards signed by Schneiderman April 28, 1925, February 8, 1930, January 6, 1930, and December 16, 1929. See serial #1866 P. 125, appendix exhibit #104. Filed 9/15/51.
22. A list for the City Central Committee for the Young Workers League of America, Los Angeles Local, dated February 7, 1925. See serial #1866, P. 125, appendix exhibit #104. Filed 9/15/51. bc
23. Bulletin #1, dated March 1, 1925, by the City Central Committee, Young Workers League Local, Los Angeles. See serial #1866 P. 125, appendix exhibit #104. Filed 9/15/51. bc
24. A letter to all Secretaries, dated September 8, 1925, signed by William Schneiderman, Secretary, City Central Committee, Local Los Angeles, Workers Party of America, and a letter to all Branch Secretaries, September 8, 1925, signed by William Schneiderman, City Secretary. See serial #1866 P. 125 appendix exhibit #104. Filed 9/15/51. bc
25. A letter to William Schneiderman, Agitprop Director, Los Angeles, December 5, 1927 on letterhead of the Workers (Communist) Party of America. See serial #1866 P. 125, appendix exhibit #104. Filed 9/15/51. bc
26. A letter on the Letterhead of the Workers Party of America, Local Los Angeles, signed by William Schneiderman, City Central Secretary, September 19, 1925; letters by William Schneiderman, District Organizer, Young Workers (Communist) League, District 13, 1212 Market Street, San Francisco, California, dated June 11, and February 29, 1928; letters by William Schneiderman as District Organization Secretary, District 13, on letterhead of the Communist Party of the United States of America, District 13, 145 Turk Street, San Francisco, California, dated January 30, 1930, February 4, 1930, and February 9, 1930, and a letter to William Schneiderman, 145 Turk Street, San Francisco, Calif. from the Section ~~Manager~~ Organizer, Los Angeles, Calif. dated Feb. 13, 1930. See serial #1866 P. 125. appendix exhibit #104. Filed 9/15/51. bc
27. "New Frontiers" is a publication of the California Young Communist League published as a Yearbook in 1937. See serial #1866 P. 125, appendix exhibit #104. Filed 9/15/51. bc
28. Daily Worker, February 8, 1933, See serial #1866 P. 126 appendix exhibit #105. Filed 9/15/51. bc
29. Wester Worker, October 21, 1935, Page 3, column 3. See serial #1866 P. 126. appendix exhibit #106. Filed 9/15/51. bc

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30. Daily People's World, May 17, 1938, See serial #1866 P. 126, appendix exhibit #107. Filed 9/15/51. bc
31. Daily People's World, June 14, 1950, page 3, column 4. See serial #1866 P. 127 appendix exhibit #108. Filed 9/15/51.
32. Daily People's World, June 14, 1944, page 4, column 2, See serial #1866 P. 127 appendix exhibit #109. Filed 9/15/51.
33. Daily Peoples World April 3, 1945, page 3, column 5. See serial #1866 P. 127. appendix exhibit #110. Filed 9/15/51.
34. Daily People's World, April 22, 1948, page 5, columns 6, 7, 8, See serial #1866 Page. 127, appendix exhibit #111. Filed 9/15/51.
35. Signature card for the Communist Party of California, Filed June 30, 1951, by the Day and Night Branch, Bank of America. See serial #1866, p. 128, appendix exhibit #112. Filed 9/15/51. bc
36. A leaflet entitled "Stop the Next Imperialist War," issued Armistice Day, 1928, by the Workers (Communist) Party and Young Workers (Communist) League, Los Angeles, California. See serial #1866, P. 128, appendix exhibit #113. Filed 9/15/51.
37. An advertisement for the "Celebration for the Success of the Bolshevik Revolution" by the Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League. See serial 1866, P. 128, appendix exhibit #113. Filed 9/15/51.
38. A leaflet entitled "Down with Government by Injunction." by the Central Executive Committee, Workers(communist) Party. See serial #1866, P. 128, appendix exhibit #113. Filed 9/15/51.
39. A Leaflet entitled "Defend Whom?" issued by the Communist Party, U. S. A. and the Young Communist League, Los Angeles, California. See serial #1866, P. 128, appendix exhibit #113. Filed 9/15/51.
40. A leaflet headed "Down Tools on May Day," issued by the Communist Party, Los Angeles Section. See serial #1866, P. 128, appendix exhibit #113. Filed 9/15/51.
41. A Western Union telegram to Victor Cutler, City Secretary, Young Workers League, Los Angeles, California, from Branch #1, Young Workers League Local, Los Angeles. See serial #1866, P. 128, appendix exhibit #113. Filed 9/15/51.
42. The "Young Worker", official organ of the Young Workers League, issues of June 1923, August 1923 and November 1923. See serial #1866 P. 129. appendix exhibit #114. Filed 9/15/51.
43. Minutes of the City Central Committee, Los Angeles Local, Workers Party, July 28, 1925. Signed by William Schneiderman as the City Secretary. See serial #1866, P. 129, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.

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44. Minutes of the City Central Committee for August 22, 1925. See serial #1866 P. 129, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
45. Minutes of the Executive Council, Young Workers League of Los Angeles, August 27, 1925. See serial #1866 P. 129, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
46. Minutes of the Executive Council, Young Workers League, Los Angeles Local, September 9, 1925. See serial #1866, P. 129, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51
47. Minutes of the City Central Committee, Young Workers League, Los Angeles Local, September 23, 1925. See serial #1866, P. 129, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51
48. Minutes of the City Central Committee, Los Angeles Local, October 3, 1925. See serial #1866. P.129, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
49. Minutes of the Subdistrict Agitprop Committee, Workers Party, Los Angeles, November 7, 1927. Signed by William Schneiderman as the Subdistrict Agitprop Director. See serial #1866, P. 129, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
50. Minutes of the enlarged Subdistrict Agitprop Department, Workers Party, Los Angeles, November 17, 1927, signed by William Schneiderman, Subdistrict Agitprop Director. See serial #1866, P. 129, appendix exhibit. #115. Filed 9/15/51.
51. Minutes of the Subdistrict Agitprop Department, Workers Party, Los Angeles, Nov. 17, 1927, signed by William Schneiderman, Subdistrict Agitprop Director. See serial #1866, P. 129, appendix exhibit 115. Filed 9/15/51. bc
52. Minutes of the Subdistrict Agitprop Committee, January 5. 1928, signed by William Schneiderman, subdistrict Agitprop Director. See serial #1866, P. 129 appendix exhibit. #115. Filed 9/15/51.
53. Minutes of the Young Workers League, Subdistrict 13, January 22, 1928. See serial #1866, Page 130, appendix exhibit # 115. Filed 9/15/51. bc
54. Minutes of the Buro of the District Executive Committee, #13, San Francisco, March 24, 1928. See serial #1866, P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
55. Minutes of the Polcom, which refers to the Political Committee held June 29, no year given. See serial #1866, P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
56. Minutes of the District Buro, District 13 Communist Party, USA, District 13, San Francisco, For a specail meeting, January 27, 1930 See serial #1866, P. 130 appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
57. Minutes of the City Central Committee, Los Angeles, August 1, No year given. See serial #1866, P. 130 , appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.

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58. Agitprop report to the Subdistrict Committee, Workers Party, Los Angeles, December 1, 1927. See serial #1866, P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
59. District Organizers Report of the Los Angeles Subdistrict Membership Conference, Young Workers League, January 20, 1928. See serial #1866, P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
60. Report of the District Executive Committee, Young Workers League, District 13, to the Los Angeles Subdistrict Conference, September 30, 1928, signed by William Schneiderman, District Organizer. See serial #1866 P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
61. A letter dated September 16, 1927, on letter head of District 13, Workers (Communist Party of America) to Comrade Willie from E. Levine. See serial #1866, P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
62. Organizational plan for the unemployment demonstration of February 24, 1930. See serial #1866, P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
63. A resolution on Workers Defense. See serial #1866, P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
64. A letter to all members of the Party in California on letterhead of the Communist party of the United States of America dated February 14, 1938, signed by William Schneiderman, State Secretary, and Anita Whitney, State Chairman, Communist Party of California. To This letter concerns the newly organized publication "People's World," and states this paper was created by the members of the communist party. See serial #1866; P. 130, appendix exhibit #115. Filed 9/15/51.
65. Daily People's World, September 10, 1941, Page 1, column 5. See serial #1866. P. 131, appendix exhibit 116. Filed 9/15/51.
66. Daily Worker, March 15, 1932. See serial #1866, P. 131, appendix exhibit #117. Filed 9/15/51.
67. Daily Worker, July 28, 1932. See serial #1866, P. 131, appendix exhibit #117. Filed 9/15/51..
68. Western Worker, November 4, 1935, page 3, columns 4 and 5. See serial #1866. P. 132, appendix exhibit #119. Filed 9/15/51.
69. Voice of Youth, January 1936. See serial #1866, P. 132, appendix exhibit #120. Filed 9/15/51.
70. Western Worker, August 6, 1936/ See serial #1866, P. 132, appendix exhibit #121. Filed 9/15/51.
71. Daily People's World, September 29, 1938, Page 2, Columns 1-3. See serial #1866. P. 132, appendix exhibit #122. Filed 9/15/51.

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72. Daily People's World, April 30, 1940, Page 5, columns 3 and 4. See serial 1866. P. 133, appendix exhibit. 123. Filed 9/15/51.
73. Daily People's World. May 22, 1940, page 2, columns 1 and 2. See serial #1866 P. 133, appendix exhibit. 124, Filed 9/15/51.
74. Daily People's World, January 24, 1945, Page 1, column 6. See serial #1866, P. 133, appendix exhibit, #125. Filed 9/15/51.
75. Daily Peopled World, March 26, 1945, p.3, col 3,4,. See serial #1866, p.133 appendix exhibit,#126. Filed 9/15/51.
76. Daily People's world, March 19, 1947, page 1, column 1. See serial #1866, page 134, appendix exhibit #127. Filed 9/15/51.
77. Daily People's World, March 26, 1947, page 1, columns 4,5, and 6. See serial #1866, P. 134, appendix exhibit #128. Filed 9/15/51.
78. Daily Peoples World, June 4, 1948, page 5, columns 7 and 9. See serial #1866, p. 134, appendix exhibit #129. Filed 9/15/51.
79. Daily Worker, October 26, 1949, Page 3, column5. See serial #1866, P. 134, appendix exhibit #130. Filed 9/15/51.
80. The Young Worker, June 1, 1924, pagel, columns 6 and 7. See serial #1866, Page 135, appendix exhibit #131. Filed 9/15/51.
81. The Young Workd, October 1, 1924, page 2, column 3. Seeserial #1866, P. 135, appendix exhibit #132. Filed 9/15/51.
82. The Young Worker, August 8, 1925, page 4, columns 4 and 5. See serial #1866. P. 135, appendix exhibit #133. Filed 9/15/51.
83. Daily Worker, April 2, 1932. See serial #1866. P. 135, appendix exhibit #134. Filed 9/15/51.
84. Western Worker, November 14, 1935. See serial #1866. P. 136, appendix exhibit #135. Filed 9/15/51.
85. The Communist, April 1937. See serial #1866, P. 136, appendix exhibit #136. Filed 9/15/51.
86. California Party Organizer: 1--Vol. 1, No. 4, April 1937. 2--Vol. 1, No17. July 1937 3--Vol. 1, No. 8. August 1937. 4--Vol. 1, No.,9, September 1937. See serial #1866, P. 136, appendix exhibit #137. Filed 9/15/51.
87. ~~The Communist~~ Western Worker, Dec. 20, 1937, P.1, Columns 6 and 7. See serial #1866, P. 137, appendix exhibit #138. Filed 9/15/51.

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88. LA Party Builder: 1. Volume 1, No. 13, May 9, 1938. 2. Volume 1, No. 15, May 21, 1938. See serial #1866, P. 137. appendix exhibit #139. Filed 9/15/51.
89. "California Party Guide". June 1939 issued by the California State Organization and education Commission, CP, USA. See serial #1866, P. 137, appendix exhibit #140. Filed 9/15/51. bd
90. Daily Peoples World, April 29, 1940, Page 1, Column 3. See serial #1866, P. 138, appendix exhibit # 141. Filed 9/15/51.
91. California Convention News, May 24, 1944, issued by the State Committee of the Communist Party of California. See serial #1866, P. 138, appendix exhibit #142, Filed 9/15/51.
92. Daily People's World, October 5, 1948, Page 5, columns 4 through 8. See serial #1866, P.138, appendix exhibit #143. Filed 9/15/51.
93. Pre-Convention Discussion Bulletin No. ,5, issued by the CP, USA, entitled "Our Party". See serial #1866, P. 139, appendix exhibit #144. Filed 9/15/51.
94. "The Party Review", Pre-convention Discussion Bulletin №. 2, CP of California. See serial #1866. P. 139. appendix exhibit #145. Filed 9/15/51. bc
95. The "Young Worker", August 22, 1925, Page 4, column 2. See serial #1866, P. 140, appendix exhibit. #146. Filed 9/15/51.
96. "Wages, Prices and Profits", published by the Educational Departmentsof the California and San Francisco Communist Party November 1946. See serial #1866. P. 140, appendix exhibit # 147. Filed 9/15/51.
97. Letter dated February 18, 1947, to "Dear Comrade" from "Aubrey". See serial #1866, P. 140 , appendix exhibit # 148. Filed 9/15/51.
98. Letter dated 3/15/47 signed by William Schneiderman titled "An Emergency Letter to All Party Members". See serial #1866, P. 140. appendix exhibit #149. Filed 9/15/51.
99. Two page leaflet entitled, "Comrade Stalin on How to Teach". See serial #1866. P. 141. appendix exhibit #150. Filed 9/15/51.
100. Study and instruction outline entitled, "Outline on Third Party." See serial #1866, appendix exhibit #151. Filed 9/15/51.
101. Publication by the Communist Party of California listing contents of ten classics of Marxism in celebration of 100th anniversary of the Communist Manifesto. See serial #1866. P. 141. appendix exhibit # 152. Filed 9/15/51.
102. Outline for Literature Directors" See serial #1866. P. 141, appendix exhibit #153. Filed 9/15/51.

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103. Study outline entitled, "Notes for Instructors". See serial #1866, P. 142. appendix exhibit #154. Filed 9/15/51.
104. Outline for study and discussion of William Z. Foster's pamphlet, "In Defense of the Communist Party". See serial #1866, P. 142. appendix exhibit #155. Filed 9/15/51.
105. Monthly Literature Letter dated March 1950 issued by the State Education and Literature Commission. Communist Party of California. See serial #1866, P. 142. Appendix exhibit #156. Filed 9/15/51.
106. Memorandum to all clubs entitled "Plan of Action for Peace Month" by the State Committee of the Communist Party of California". 4-18-50. See serial #1866 p. 143, appendix exhibit #157. Filed 9/15/51.
107. Letter entitled "A Message to All Members" dated June 15, 1950, signed by William Schneiderman, Chairman and Louise Todd, Secretary, for the State Committee of the Communist Party of California. See serial #1866, P. 143. appendix exhibit #158. Filed 9/15/51.
108. Letter "To All Our Members" by the State Secretariat, 4/3/51. See serial #1866, P. 143 appendix exhibit #159. Filed 9/15/51.
109. Daily People's World, 8/27/48. page 1, column 7. See serial #1866, p. 144 appendix exhibits #160. Filed 9/15/51.
110. A letter from the Young Workers League of America, Local Los Angeles, 224 S. Spring St. to "Dear Comrad". See serial #1866, P. 144, appendix exhibit #161. Filed 9/15/51.
111. Minutes and proceedings of the first city convention fo the Young Workers League, Local Los Angeles, August 8, 1925. See serial #1866. P. 144, appendix exhibit #161. Filed 9/15/51.
112. Minutes of Third Plenary Session of the National Executive Committee Young Workers (Communist) League, of America. See serial #1866. P. 144, appendix exhibit #162. Filed 9/15/51.
113. Report of the Agitprop Department to the Los Angeles Sub-district Convention Workers (Communist) party, January 14 and 15, 1928. See serial #1866, P. 145, appendix exhibit #163. Filed 9/15/51.
114. Minutes of the Third Annual Convention, Los Angeles County Communist Party, USA. April 29 and 30 and May 1, 1938. See serial #1866, P. 145, appendix exhibit #164. Filed 9/15/51.
115. Proceedings of the California Convention Communist Party of California May 14 and 15, 1938. See serial #1866, P. 145, appendix exhibit. #165. Filed 9/15/51.
116. Daily People's World, 5-14-40, Page 1, columns 1 and 2. See serial #1866, p.146 appendix exhibit #166. Filed 9/15/51.

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117. Daily People's World, 12/14/42. Page 2, columns 7 and 8. See serial #1866 p. 146, appendix exhibit #167. Filed 9/15/51.
118. Daily People's World, 9/10/43, page 3, column 5. See serial #1866 p. 146, appendix exhibit #168. Filed 9/15/51.
- 119.D Daily People's world, 10-19-43, page 3, column 5. See serial #1866 p. 146, appendix exhibit #169. Filed 9/15/51.
120. Daily People's World, 10-25-43, page 3, column 5. See serial #1866 p. 146, appendix exhibit #169. Filed 9/15/51.
121. Daily People's World, 1-25-44 page 1, column 7. See serial #1866 p. 147, appendix exhibit #170. Filed 9/15/51.
122. Daily People's World, 2-28-46, Page 3, column 3. See serial #1866 p. 147, appendix exhibit #171. Filed 9/15/51.
123. Daily People's World, 12-14-46, page 4, column 3. See serial #1866 p. 148, appendix exhibit #172. Filed 9/15/51.
124. Daily People's World, 10/27/50, page 3, columns 1 and 2. See serial #1866 p. 148. Appendix exhibit # 173. Filed 9/15/51.
125. Passport Application No. 132774 made July 7, 1934, by Leah Schneider, 3347 Queen Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, See serial #1866, p. 148 appendix exhibit # 174. Filed 9/15/51.
- ✓ 126. Credit application No. 93462 of the McKales Service Station System, San Francisco, California for William Schneiderman dated Feb. 23, 1949. See serial #1866, p. 149, appendix exhibit #175. Filed 9/15/51.
127. Copy of credentials to William Schneiderman authorizing him to represent the Young Workers League, dated June, 1925. See serial #1866, p. 149. See serial appendix exhibit #176. Filed 9/15/51.
128. Letter to Schneiderman dated June 8, 1928, from V. Cutler, Young Workers (Communist) League, District 13, Subdistrict 1, Los Angeles, Calif. See serial #1866. p. 149. appendix exhibit #177, Filed 9/15/51.
129. Letter dated September 5, 1928, from the National Office of the Young Workers (Communist) League of America to the Los Angeles Office of the League, See serial #1866. p. 150 appendix exhibit. #178. Filed 9/15/51.
130. Weekly letter No. 14, dated February 1, 1930, from the Organization Department, Central Committee of the Communist Party, USA, to all District Organizers and Organization Secretaries. See serial #1866. p. 150 appendix exhibit. #179. Filed 9/15/51.
131. Daily People's World, 4/21/47, page 3, column 5. See serial #1866, p. 150 appendix exhibit #180. See serial #180. Filed 9/15/51.

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132. Invoice No. 46034 dated 9/1/48 and No. 46113 dated 9/16/48 to the International Book Store, San Francisco, from Central Books, Ltd. 2 Parton Street, London, ~~W10X~~ which invoices were filed with the American Trust Company, 1215 Market Street, San Francisco, California. See serial #1866. p.151, appendix exhibit #181. Filed 9/15/51. bc

BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 12/6/51WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent Roy L. ERICKSONSource from which obtained Various sourcesAddress See white Descriptive Sheet.Purpose for which acquired EvidenceLocation of bulky exhibit Bulky exhibit envelope CabinetEstimated date of disposition PermanentUltimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be retained.

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4. Photostatic copy of the Young Worker, January, 1923, Page 17. Rec'd with Serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. bc app. exh. #183
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7. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, April 28, 1923 P. 3, Col. 4 & 5. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App exh. 186
8. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, June 25, 1936, P. 1, Col. 5: P. 2. Col. 2 & 3, and P. 2, Col. 4 & 5. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. Appendix exh. 187.
9. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, February 22, 1938, P. 6, Col. 4 & 5. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. exh. 188.
10. Photostatic copy of the Young Communist League Review, May 1939, P. 37. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. exh. 189.
11. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, May 23, 1944, P. 2 Col. 2-5. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. exh. 190.
12. Photostatic copy of the Young Worker, March, 1923, P. 12 through 14. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. exh. 191.
13. Photostatic copy of the Minutes of the Young Workers League, Bureau Meeting, March 1, 1927. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App exh. 192
14. Photostatic copy of the Young Worker, August-September, 1922, P.10. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App exh. 193
15. Photostatic copy of the Young Worker, May 23, 1925, P. 1. Col. 5. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. Exh. 194.
16. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, January 22, 1927, P. 3, Col. 1. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. Exh. 195.
17. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, July 3, 1930, P. 6, Col.1 & 2. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. Exh. 196.
18. Photostatic copy of the letter by William Schneiderman, District Organizer, Young Workers League to All Young Workers League units, March 13, 1928. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. Exh. 197.
19. Photostatic copy of Daily Worker, October 18, 1941, P. 3, Col. 1 & 2. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. Exh. 198.
20. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, May 16, 1950, P. 5, Col. 1 through 4. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. Exh. 199.
21. Photostatic copy of the Proceedings of the Special Sub-District Convention, District 13, Young Workers League, May 16, 1926, 2706 Brooklyn Ave. L.A. Calif. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. App. Exh. 200.

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22. Photostatic copy of a Letter to All NEC Members from the Young Workers (Communist) League of America, 1113 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/6/51. Filed 12/6/51. bc app. exh. 201
23. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, December 26, 1941, P. 3, Col. 1 & 2. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. bc App. exh. 202
24. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, December 3, 1942, P. 1, Columns 1 & 2, Page. 4, Col. 6 through 8. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. appendix exh. 203.
25. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, June 4, 1945 Pages 4 & 5. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51. Filed 12/6/51. bc App. Exh. 204.
26. Photostatic copy of the Daily Worker, October 5, 1927, P. 1, Col. 7 and 8; P. 2, Col. 3 and 4, Page 2, Columns 1 and 2. Rec'd with serial #1923 d/d 12/3/51 Filed 12/6/51. bc App. Exh. 205.

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter
San Francisco, California
June 25, 1940

Mr. Frank J. Hennessy
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Assistant U. S. Attorney W. E. Licking dated June 24, 1940 advising me that you are in receipt of one hundred and fifty communications protesting the prosecutive action to cancel the citizenship of William Schneiderman.

Please be advised that I would be very happy to accept your kind offer to prepare a list of those persons who forwarded these communications to you. It will be agreeable to merely state in a heading that the following is a list of individuals who submitted a mimeographed type of post card in objection to this prosecution.

Yours very truly,

N. J. L. PLEPER *223*
Special Agent in Charge

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June 14, 1940

Dear Friend:

A court decision, whose repurcussions will be felt throughout the length and breadth of the United States, was rendered by Federal Judge Roche of San Francisco.

Falling in line with the nationwide drive to curtail civil liberties and the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, Judge Roche ordered the immediate cancellation of the Citizenship of William Schneiderman, because of his membership in the Communist Party at the time he acquired citizenship in 1927.

When membership in a legally-recognized political party, having a place on the ballot and operating in accordance with the laws of the nation, can become the basis for revocation of citizenship, then it is not exaggerated to say that the Constitution's Bill of Rights is being scrapped! And, whether we agree or disagree with the Communists, this is an issue that is the concern of every freedom-loving American.

We feel that we are speaking for the American people when we state that Judge Roche's ruling in this case cannot go unchallenged.

In order to appeal the court's decision to the higher courts an immediate sum of one thousand dollars is needed to meet the preliminary legal costs involved. The Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee has less than one-fifth of that amount on hand.

Will you help make possible an appeal to the higher courts by contributing what you can to the defense fund, within the next two or three days?

By doing so you will be contributing your share in the fight to prevent a blackout of civil liberties, and to maintain intact our Bill of Rights.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Robert Whitaker

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P.S. Enclosed you will find an extract from the official organ of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born which contains a summary of the case history. We would greatly appreciate a brief statement expressing your opinion of the decision.

R.W.

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Attention F.B.I.

426 Palo Alto Ave.
Palo Alto, Calif.

June 21, 1940.

Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee
Room 224, 320 Market Street
San Francisco, California.

Sirs;

Answering your appeal for funds to defend Schneiderman against Judge Roche's decision:

I,-on the contrary,- heartily approve the decision. I regret only that the state of the world, and the insidious propaganda of Communist, Nazi and Fascist countries themselves, make it now necessary for easy-going America to take such steps in self-defence.

Twelve years ago the United States was not afraid of Communism. If Schneiderman did not like this country as it was he should have taken out his citizenship in some other country. This will still be possible for him.

Sincerely,

Katharine W. Treat

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San Francisco, California
July 2, 1940

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that this case is being closed,
and information concerning the subject herein will be reported
in the future in the case entitled, "WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN -
Registration Act, Agent of Foreign Principals".

Yours very truly,

H. J. L. PFEFFER
Special Agent in Charge

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The following organizations sent in mimeographed resolutions protesting the government's prosecution of William Schneiderman:

Filling Station Employees' L.I.U. #887 James Silvanes, President	San Francisco	12/8/39
Miscellaneous Employes Union, #110 A. T. Gabriel, Secretary or Chairman	" " "	12/15/39
Finnish Workers Federation F. Polk, Secretary or Chairman	" "	"
Utility Workers Organizing Committee Local 133, Charles Haskell, Sec'y.		
International Workers Order, Tom Mooney Lodge 599, Pauline Shinazy, Secretary	San Francisco	12/13/39
International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, H. A. Olsen, Secretary	Raymond, Wash.	1/12/40
International Workers Order City Central Committee of San Francisco, Leo Cohan, Secretary.	San Francisco	12/23/39
Workers Alliance of St. Francis Ethel Dougherty		
Sacramento Branch of Communist Party; Robert Wood, Chairman	Sacramento	12/8/39
International Workers' Union Local 179; Joseph Green, Sec'y.		
United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America Local #20,	Stockton	12/24/39
Maritime Federation of the Pacific A. E. Harding, Secretary	Seattle, Wash.	
International Workers Order James Lardner Lodge 452	Los Angeles	
International Workers Order Freheit-Winchevsky Br. 58	Los Angeles	
J. E. Sullivan, citizen	San Francisco	

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The following people sent mimeographed post card protests against the government's prosecution of William Schneiderman. The approximate form of these protests is as follows:

Dear Sir:

I vigorously protest the effort of your office to revoke the citizenship of William Schneiderman because of his membership in the Communist Party, as an effort to strike at a legally recognized party.

Effort to penalize a citizen for adherence to a LEGAL PARTY is attempted political intimidation which threatens the civil liberties and enjoyment of the Bill of Rights by all American citizens.

Under hard-won American democratic liberties there is no place for repressive acts which encourage war-time hysteria to the danger of peace and liberty. American traditions demand that the government suit against Mr. Schneiderman be dropped.

Signed _____

Name	Card Mailed from	Date Mailed
Edna Winter	Santa Barbara	12/13/39
Mrs. H. Zuzalek	" " "	"
Mrs. E. B. Caswell	" " "	12/15/39
Mr. Earl Caswell	" " "	"
John Sumi	" " "	"
Gloria Snider	" " "	12/16/39
Marjorie Milling	" " "	12/21/39
✓ Effie Dongan Mosas	San Francisco	"
✓ Carleton Williams	" " "	12/22/39
Beatrice Greene	Santa Barbara	97-26-7
Martha Zuzalek Mc	" " "	"
✓ A. P. / Chesney	San Francisco	"

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Date Mailed

Name		
Emma Mall	Santa Barbara	12/22/39
Ed Zuzalek	" "	"
<u>H. Davidson</u>	San Francisco	"
<u>Peter Fredericksen</u>	" "	"
<u>Mr. Justen Vanderlaan</u>	Berkeley	12/24/40
<u>Shirley Newman</u>	"	"
<u>Jos. Steward</u>	"	"
<u>L. E. Ferris</u>	"	"
<u>Laura Garfield</u>	"	"
<u>Barbara Monsky</u>	"	"
<u>Mitzi Cooper</u>	"	"
<u>Geo. L. Knivetton</u>	Redwood City	3/5/40
<u>Edward Lee</u>	"	"
Frederick W. Reed	Santa Barbara	3/7/40
Fred Seyer	"	"
Mary F. Wesselholfs	"	"
John Harnsey	"	"
<u>J. Calvin Taylor</u>	Oakland	"
<u>Thos. H. Lawson</u>	Turlock	3/8/40
<u>Pete Fisher</u>	"	"
<u>Lilly Moore</u>	"	"
<u>O. Moore</u>	"	"
<u>Arnold Matthews</u>	"	"
<u>Glyn Collins</u>	Monterey	3/10/40
<u>Gail Hazard</u>	"	"
<u>Edward Salyer</u>	Pacific Grove	3/11/40

<u>Name</u>	<u>Card Mailed From</u>	<u>Date Mailed</u>
Margaret Langari	San Mateo	3/11/40
Agnes Barrons	Santa Barbara	"
✓ Miriam Epstein	Berkeley	3/13/40
✓ Newell Johnson	"	"
✗ Mitzie Cooper	"	"
✗ Barbara Monsky	"	"
✗ Charlotte Cole	"	"
✓ Barbara Hadley	"	"
✓ Arthur Z. Rosen	"	"
D. N. Coolidge	Bakersfield	3/14/40
✓ Robert Caldwell	Oakland	"
✓ Janice Billings	Berkeley	"
✓ Monroe Epstein	"	"
✓ Janet Epstein	"	3/15/40
✓ Gwenn Colle	"	"
✓ Zelma Finn	"	"
✓ O. H. Hewitt	Oceano	3/19/40
✓ E. D. Bushwell	Pismo Beach	"
✓ Jessie L. Bushwell	"	"
✓ Gordon Cartwright	Oceano	3/19/40
✓ Wm. Schelm	"	"
✓ Alick Duncan	"	"
✓ Althea Cartwright	"	"
✓ La Verne Cartwright	"	"
✓ Ernest Righetti	"	"
✓ Elbert J. Rogers	"	"

<u>Name</u>	<u>Card Mailed From</u>	<u>Date Mailed</u>
✓ David L. Cartwright	Oceano	3/19/40
✓ Annie L. Cartwright	"	"
✓ E. C. White	"	"
✓ James Rogers	Madera	3/20/40
✓ Leslie David	"	"
✓ Felix Taylor	"	"
✓ Ted Sisemoil	"	"
✓ John Dzenit	Santa Barbara	3/21/40
✓ Richard Cloke	Berkeley	"
✓ Robert Rhyne	San Luis Obispo	3/22/40
✓ Tillie Lozano	Pacific Grove	3/23/40
✓ James H. MacGowan	" " "	3/24/40
✓ John Kent Harris	" " "	"
✓ Stanley Livingston	Berkeley	"
✓ Charles A. Brown	Santa Cruz	3/25/40
✓ Lei B. Lacy	Madera	3/26/40
✓ Archie Hughes	"	"
✓ A. T. Ogle	Hughson	3/27/40
✓ John Kelly	Bakersfield	"
✓ Lois B. Fuller	Palo Alto	3/29/40
✓ Anna E. Silveira	Oceano	3/30/40
✓ Anton Silveira	"	3/30/40
✓ Charles Faux	"	3/30/40
✓ Dan Madsen	"	3/30/40
✓ M. Altamiano	"	3/30/40

<u>Name</u>	<u>Card Mailed From</u>	<u>Date Mailed</u>
✓ F. Culbertsen	Oceano	3/30/40
✓ Leslie H. Larson	"	"
✓ Mrs. Dora D. Cramer	"	"
✓ H. L. Chiarson	"	"
✓ Roy O. DeLozier	"	"
✓ Jacob Grabenstein	Atascadero	4/1/40
S. E. Nishard	Palo Cedro	April
Oscar Heny	" " "	"
Sargent M. Hatler	" " "	"
L. A. Powell	" " "	"
Mrs. Grace Hatler	" " "	4/1/40
W. S. McDougall	Atascadero	4/2/40
S. A. Chase	"	4/4/40
Mrs. Naunie K. Smith	"	4/4/40
I. C. Seabrough	"	"
Edith Searbrough	"	"
H. Walker	"	"
✓ Margaret Gibbs	Oakland	4/10/40
✓ John R. Heino	Eureka	4/12/40
✓ George Farrington	"	"
✓ Catherine Roche	"	"
✓ Helen C. Lima	"	"
✓ Ethel A. Peterson	"	4/12/40
✓ Charlie C. Black	"	"
✓ A. C. Burke	"	"
✓ Mrs. Ava Benjamin	Oroville	4/13/40

<u>Name</u>	<u>Card Mailed From</u>	<u>Date Mailed</u>
Bertha Kelley	Oroville	4/13/40
✓ W. L. LeBeouf	"	"
Susanne LeBeouf	"	"
✓ Geo. R. Asay	"	"
✓ C. E. Stone	"	"
✓ Mrs. Helen M. Stone	"	"
✓ Mrs. Grace Foster	"	"
✓ Alvin Nashburn	"	"
✓ Henry Schaefer	San Francisco	"
✓ Mrs. J. Fredericks	" " .	"
F. Saladen	San Luis Obispo	4/18/40
Dorothy E. Jones	" " "	"
Mrs. J. C. Jones	" " "	"
Mrs. Katherine E. Tyler	Atascadero	"
E. E. Tyler	"	"
Julian Smith	"	"
✓ Geo. L. Kniveton	Redwood City	4/19/40
✓ William Milne Jr.	" " .	"
Frank Frandsen	Atascadero	"
Mrs. Mabelle S. Frandsen	"	"
Bertha McCord	San Luis Obispo	"
Mrs. Clyde Johnson	Santa Maria	"
J. J. Sanford	" " .	"
Anna E. John	Creston	"
William Sinclair	San Miguel	4/20/40

<u>Name</u>	<u>Card Mailed From</u>	<u>Date Mailed</u>
Charles Drury	Atascadero	4/20/40
Mrs. F. G. Warner	Morro Bay	"
Mrs. Florence Drury	Atascadero	"
Thomas Sinclair	"	"
Mae Mead Plagman	"	4/22/40
Mrs. Eulah Cook	"	"
Mrs. Walter Cook	"	"
B. A. Nidevo	San Luis Obispo	"
Newell C. Walker	Arroyo Grande	"
✓ Ray Sohler	Oceano	4/23/40
✓ Robert I. Allen	Oceano	"
Daniel Sinclair	Santa Maria	5/7/40

Individuals who wrote letters protesting the government's prosecution of William Schneiderman.

Name	Mailed From	Date Mailed
Charlotte Grayson	San Francisco	6/23/40
Dr. H. Gale Atwater	Los Angeles	5/2/40
Committee for Peoples Rights (wire)	Philadelphia, Pa.	5/9/40
Valida Massen	Los Angeles	3/1/40
Ester Harris		
Frances Allen	Norwood, Ohio	12/21/39
Mrs. Sylvain Schnaittacheide	San Francisco	12/19/39
Sylvain Schnaittadur (?)		12/21/39
Max Firestone	San Francisco	12/20/39
E. Ariepe	" "	12/22/39
Henry A. Harris	" "	"
Lee Anderson	Lynwood, Calif.	12/16/39
Thomas Crosthwaite, Member of San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee	Redwood City	12/8/39
Discussion Group of Stockton, Calif.	Stockton	12/6/39
C. A. Case	Santa Cruz	12/18/39
H. A. Olsen-International Longshoremen's Warhousemen's Union (also listed under Resolutions)	Raymond, Wash.	1/12/40
Rev. Robert Hitaker, Chairman, Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee. Sponsors of this committee are as follows:	San Francisco	4/17/40 91 - 26 - 8

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Dr. Thomas Addis	Rev. E. P. Ryland
Rev. Carl Allen	Chaim Shapiro
Dr. H. Gale Atwater	Herbert Sorrel
John D. Barry	Ralph Stockpole
Rene Battaglini	Clinton J. Taft
Louise Bransten	Lewis M. Terman
Harry Braverman	Jessie L. Terry
A. Stafford Briggs	Douglas Ward
Ernest Dawson	Rev. George Warner
Badie Roberts Dawson	Marie De L. Welch
Roy Donnelly	George F. West
Theodore Preiser	Anita Whitney
Rev. A. D. Faupel	George Wilson
Elizabeth Freeman	Al Wirin
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Carey McWilliams	<u>Legal Advisor</u>
Wilbur Needham	Atty. George R. Andersen
George Olshausen	
Helen K. Pell	
Rev. L. V. Reneau	
Dr. Louis G. Reynolds	

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO

July 1, 1940

N. J. L. Pieper,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
111 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are lists of individuals and organizations who have protested the prosecution of the government's action to cancel the citizenship of William Schneiderman.

Respectfully,

Frank J. Hennessy
FRANK J. HENNESSY
United States Attorney

Enclosures

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San Francisco, California
July 6, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
REGISTRATION ACT - AGENT
OF FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

Dear Sir:

U. S. Attorney FRANK J. HENNESSY, San Francisco, has furnished this office with a list of the names of individuals who have forwarded communications to the office of the U. S. Attorney, protesting the prosecution of an action to cancel the citizenship of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secretary of the Communist Party. MR. HENNESSY advised that these communications were usually in the form of mimeographed postcards signed by individuals.

For the information of the Bureau, a copy of the above-mentioned list is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PLEPER *B*
Special Agent in Charge

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THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

Reviews

THE CASE OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is the largest and most influential organization in its field. At its recent 4th Annual Conference, held in Washington D.C., there were represented a total of 5,780,000 people. The American Committee, acting in the interests of all foreign born, is vigorously defending William Schneiderman. Below are listed some of the sponsors of the American Committee.

Sherwood Anderson
Mary McLeod Bethune
Dr. Franz Boas
Howard Costigan
Joseph Curran
Ernest Hemingway
Fannie Hurst
Rabbi Edward L. Israel
Rockwell Kent
Rev. Sidney Lovett

Thomas Mann
Hon. Vito Marcantonio
Bishop Francis J. McConnell
Judge Patrick H. O'Brien
Hon. Culbert L. Olson
Prof. Max Radin
Upton Sinclair
Donald Ogden Stewart
Dr. Harry F. Ward
Thornton Wilder

Chairman:- Carey McWilliams
Vice-chairmen:- Pearl N. Hart
Dr. Max Yergan

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THE CASE OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

The following article is an excerpt from
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Carey McWilliams

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320 Market St., Rm. 224, San Francisco, Calif.--Garfield 7229
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(Number 3--April 19, 1940)

William Schneiderman was brought to the U. S. from Russia, where he was born, by his parents in 1908, when he was 1 year old. At the age of 18 he **WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN** made application for American citizenship and, when he came of legal age, he received his papers. When he became an American citizen, Schneiderman was asked by the Judge whether he was attached to the principals of the Constitution. He replied, "Yes." Since 1927, when he became a citizen, Schneiderman has been a prominent member of the Communist Party, a candidate for office on the Communist Party ticket and, for the past few years, California State Secretary of the Communist Party. On December 7, 1939, Schneiderman was brought before Federal Judge Roche in San Francisco in a civil suit by the Attorney General seeking to secure revocation of Schneiderman's citizenship, on the ground that, when he became a citizen, Schneiderman was not attached to the principles of the Constitution because of his membership in the Communist Party.

Last week 50 prominent citizens of California joined in the issuance of a proclamation that condemned the attempt to secure revocation of Schneiderman's citizenship as "a blackout of civil liberties." The Proclamation stated: "We believe that civil liberties are the distinguishing mark of American democracy. We believe, furthermore, that the Bill of Rights must apply to the rights of all Americans - or that it will prove a cheat for all. ...We view the attempt to revoke the citizenship of William Schneiderman, solely because of his membership in the Communist Party, as a dangerous, precedent-setting act, threatening the status of every naturalized citizen." (Copies of the proclamation can be obtained from the Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee, Room 224, 320 Market Street, San Francisco, Cal. The Committee is conducting the Schneiderman defense.) Among the 50 signers there were: Prof. Thomas Addis, Rev. Carl Allen, Theodore Dreiser, Kate Crane Gertz, Marie de L. Welch.

In a letter to the Attorney General on April 15 the Board of Directors of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born protested the suit to revoke Schneiderman's citizenship. The Committee's letter read:
COMMITTEE PROTESTS "We believe that the attempt to revoke citizenship upon this interpretation of the naturalization laws establishes a precedent that jeopardizes the freedom of belief and the civil rights of naturalized Americans... We view with suspicion the fact that the proceedings were not instituted until twelve years after he became an American citizen. ...We feel that your action taken at this time, when attacks upon democratic rights are widespread, aggravates the general public tension and intensifies discrimination against foreign-born Americans.

A statement issued by the American Committee in conjunction with the protest to the Attorney General's office states: "We have no desire to discuss or STATEMENT to defend Mr. Schneiderman's political, social, or economic views.

At the same time, we have every desire to defend Mr. Schneiderman's right to retain his American citizenship and to defend his right, as an American of foreign birth, to hold whatever views or social opinions he desires. Mr. Schneiderman's membership in the Communist Party at the time he became a citizen is not a just or legal basis for the proceedings to revoke his citizenship. These proceedings have been instituted by the Attorney General's office on the basis of an interpretation of the provision in the naturalization law barring from American citizenship those who are not attached to the principles of the Constitution. Mr. Schneiderman was not asked specifically whether he was a member of the Communist Party or any other organization. ... Thus an alien must reveal information about which the government has not asked lest he be found guilty of fraud later in concealing facts which might have established that he was not attached to the principles of the Constitution. If the alien does not reveal facts which the court concludes 12 years later were relevant, the citizenship accorded the alien may be cancelled for fraud, if the government's contention in the Schneiderman case is upheld. ... The attempt to revoke Mr. Schneiderman's citizenship on the basis of his political opinions is an assault on the liberties of all naturalized Americans and jeopardizes the democratic rights of the American people, native and foreign born, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America."

In a 50-page answer to the Government brief filed in the Federal court last week, attorneys for William Schneiderman denied the Government's allegations and contended that at the time of the defendants naturaliza-

LEGAL BRIEF tion he possessed all the attributes and requirements for citizenship, he had committed no fraud, that the Government failed to sustain the burden of proof showing that he committed any fraud. The defense declared that Mr. Schneiderman answered all questions truthfully at the time of his naturalization, that he concealed nothing as to his beliefs, that in fact the Government did not contend to the contrary. It charged that the Government, in permitting 12 years to elapse, acted in bad faith and was engaged in political persecution. A decision is expected during the month of May.

The defense brief challenged the allegation of the Government that an alien prior to naturalization has no right to engage in political activities or even to have advocated repeal of the 18th Amendment and contended JUSTICE HOLMES that the constitutional guarantees embodied in the Bill of Rights do not apply to citizens only but to all, citizens and non-citizens.

They referred to the dissenting opinion of Mr. Justice Oliver Wendel Holmes in U.S. vs Schwimmer: "Only a judge mad with partisanship would exclude because the applicant thought that the 18th Amendment could be repealed. If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other, it is the principle of free thought - not free thought for those who agree with us, but freedom for the thought we hate. I think we should adhere to that principle with regard to admission into, as well as life within this country."

Letters by individuals and resolutions by organizations protesting the attempt to secure revocation of William Schneiderman's citizenship should be SUGGESTIONS sent to: The Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, FOR ACTION D. C.; U. S. Attorney Frank Hennessey, Grant Building, San Francisco, Calif. Copies of all letters and resolutions and financial contributions to support the campaign should be sent whenever possible to: Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee, Room 224, 320 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.

SCHNEIDERMAN-DARCY DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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June 14, 1940

Dear Friend:

A court decision, whose repurcussions will be felt throughout the length and breadth of the United States, was rendered by Federal Judge Roche of San Francisco.

Falling in line with the nationwide drive to curtail civil liberties and the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, Judge Roche ordered the immediate cancellation of the Citizenship of William Schneiderman, because of his membership in the Communist Party at the time he acquired citizenship in 1927.

When membership in a legally-recognized political party, having a place on the ballot and operating in accordance with the laws of the nation, can become the basis for revocation of citizenship, then it is not exaggerated to say that the Constitution's Bill of Rights is being scrapped! And, whether we agree or disagree with the Communists, this is an issue that is the concern of every freedom-loving American.

We feel that we are speaking for the American people when we state that Judge Roche's ruling in this case cannot go unchallenged.

In order to appeal the court's decision to the higher courts an immediate sum of one thousand dollars is needed to meet the preliminary legal costs involved. The Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee has less than one-fifth of that amount on hand.

Will you help make possible an appeal to the higher courts by contributing what you can to the defense fund, within the next two or three days?

By doing so you will be contributing your share in the fight to prevent a blackout of civil liberties, and to maintain intact our Bill of Rights.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Robert Whitaker

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P.S. Enclosed you will find an extract from the official organ of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born which contains a summary of the case history. We would greatly appreciate a brief statement expressing your opinion of the decision.

R.W.

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Information has been received in the San Francisco Office that the following individual should be considered for custodial detention pending investigation in the event of a national emergency:

SCHNEIDERMAN, WILLIAM
c/o SAM COHEN, 1107 - 13th Ave. or
101 Geary or
181 Height
San Francisco, Calif.

Born in Russia
U.S. citizenship revoked

For record purposes, the following summarizes the information received:

No detailed memorandum concerning WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is being submitted, it being noted that it is generally known and acknowledged that he is the head of the Communist Party in California and the 13th District, holding the position of secretary.

It is further noted, by way of reason, that SCHNEIDERMAN was born in Russia on August 1, 1898 and came to the U. S. landing in New York City, September 21, 1908, and has been affiliated with the Communist Party since about 1925. He replaced SAM DARGE, in California, who was a delegate from the United States to the VII World Congress of the Communist International at Moscow in August, 1935. He was naturalized at Los Angeles, California in 1935, at which time he was organizer for the Young Communist League and later, in 1936, he became district organizer at San Francisco, following which he went to New York City and Chicago where he held Communist Party positions, and returned to Los Angeles about October, 1938 to assume the position of District (now State) organizer for the Communist Party of America.

At recent proceedings of the United States District Court, San Francisco, under Docket 2187-R, Civil, Federal Judge NOONAN revoked the citizenship of SCHNEIDERMAN on the ground that he was a member of the Communist Party at the time of obtaining citizenship and professed himself in taking the oath of fidelity to the Constitution of the United States, since the Communist Party advocates the overthrow of the American Government by force and violence.

Complete information with regard to SCHNEIDERMAN and his

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activities in the Communist Party can be obtained by a review of the recent Civil Case, underocket E1237-A, United States District Court, San Francisco.

Information is that SCHNEIDERMAN can be located at 107 - 19th Ave., San Francisco, care of SAN GORIM, or 161 Geary Street, as well as 181 Height. It is noted that SCHNEIDERMAN is not listed in recent San Francisco Directories.

(communist)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES.

RE? WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

Attention is called to the attached booklet, page 44, wherein the address of William Schneidermann is set forth, in which he defends the Communist Party.

Respectfully submitted,

H.I.Bobbitt,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN—REGISTRATION ACT
97-26

By means of surveillance it has been determined that subject resides at 1550 9th Avenue, and ^{65, Reg 3/10/4} apparently occupies Apartment 3, which is listed to W. J. WILLIAMS. He drives a 1937 Ford Tudor Sedan bearing 1941 California license plates 68F183, which are issued for a car of this description in the name of B. J. WILLIAMS at 1550 9th Avenue. The mail boxes at the apartment indicate that the manager's apartment is no. 4, and is occupied by D. J. WULZEN and RUTH E. MERKLE.

It is suggested that the following leads be covered by an agent:

1. At the PG&E will determine whether there is a utilities contract in the name of B. J. WILLIAMS or W. J. WILLIAMS at 1550 9th Ave., and if so, will learn for which apartment; the amount of the monthly bills; if paid by check, the name of the bank on which drawn; who signed the contract; and the date on which the service was instituted.
2. At the Retail Credit Agency and the SFPD will obtain complete background information on RUTH E. MERKLE and D. J. WULZEN.

Under no circumstances should any investigation be conducted in the vicinity of 1550 9th Ave., as SCHNEIDERMAN is head of the Communist Party here, and up to this time has been successful in keeping his home address a secret, so any investigation must be extremely discreet.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Taylor,
Special Agent.

97-26-17
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN--REGISTRATION ACT
97-26

A review of the indices and files of this office reflects the following information relative to subject, which is the complete information in our files at this time:

61-104-24: Letter from the Chicago Office, dated Oct. 5, 1939, stating that subject attended the 20th anniversary celebration of the Communist Party, held Sept. 1 to 4, 1939, apparently at Chicago. He is described as State Secretary of the CP for California and a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

61-104-75: Teletype to Bureau dated Dec. 8, 1959, stating that subject is subject of deportation proceedings at SF, and that transcript of proceedings and briefs of the US attorney will be furnished this office on completion.

61-104-117: Letter from Seattle Office indicating that subject is a subscriber to the Washington New Dealer, official paper of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, a Communistic organization.

61-183-120: Memorandum Report on William Schneiderman, compiled by the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 6, 1955. Source of this Memo is not shown, but in dictating the report in this case it may be set forth in full. → LAPD - SEE NEXT ENTRY, 61-52-18.

61-183-205: Named in a list of "known Communists" supplied by [] in October, 1959. b7D

61-183-111: Named by [] as having acted as State Secretary, at the Communist Convention at Sacramento, California on Sept. 17, 1936. b7D

61-52-3: Bureau u letter dated November 35, 1936, advises that it is the Bureau's understanding tha t subject is District Organizer in California.

61-52-17: Letter from LA to Bureau, dated January 4, 1937, enclosing subject's photo as taken in New York, about Sept 25, 1914, NYPD #B-36028,
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61-52-18: Letter from LA to Bureau, dated December 31, 1936, stating that it has been ascertained from WILLIAM F. HYNES, captain, Intelligence Bureau, LA PD, that Subject is the State Organizer for District 13 of the CP with headquarters at 121 Haight St., San Francisco. The letter reflects the following information which should be quoted for the benefit of this file; (Quote from p.5 to p.8, portions marked in ink.)

61-52-198: Letter from this office to the Bureau enclosing program of the Institut of Industrial Realtions, scheduled at Mills College, California, indicating that subject would lecture there in June 1938.

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61-52-202: Letter from this office stating that the Communist candidates for the 1938 election had been announced by William Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Communist Party.

61-190-11: Named in a list of "known Communists" by [redacted] as of Oct. 1939. b7D
There are other references in this file to subject, namely, in serials 124 and 125, both of which are reorts of [redacted] to the effect that subject is state secretary of the CP for the 13th District.

61-322: Report of Special Agent F.C. Dorwart, dated at San Francisco 1/4/40, in a case entitled COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.--REGISTRATION ACT, in which New York is the Office of Origin, contains the following additional information to that which has already been set forth: (Quote pages 9 to 11, penciled portions) This report also states that the report of Special Agent Louis Loeb, dated 12/11/39 at Washington, D. C. reflects: (Copy on page 11 at place where it says "start here") This report of Agent Dorwart also states the following: (Copy Portion of p 12 marked in pencil.)

97-4-28, 32, 10, 6, 53: contain substantially the information reported above in other files.

61-474-1: People's World of 2/28/40 states that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will campaign tour the state of California in behalf of William Schneiderman, protesting the attempt of the U. S. Court to revoke his citizenship.

61-552-1: Letter from LA dated 8/6/40 states that information has been received that the District Attorney in LA plans to indict subject with others for Criminal Syndicalism. Nothing further was ever reported about this, however.

100-1468-1: Alice Woods, Port Chicago, reported that William Schneiderman was a Communist leader when she was in the party in 1939.

61-522-1296: Jack Woods, 4601 Buckingham Way, Sacramento, a former Communist, advised that he attended CP meetings in LA where subject was present.

100-2314-1, p.6: Letter from Seattle dated January 4, 1941, states that subject was the addressee of some mail received by Morris Rapport, Communist leader in Seattle, from the New York Headquarters of the CP. The letter indicates that subject is leader of the CP for the 16th District.

61-208-14: Subject attended a dinner in honor of Theodore Drieser, held on Jan 18, 1941, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Council of Calif.

97-54-48: Subject made a Communist speech at Danish Hall in Oakland on Jan 31, 1941 attacking the "imperialist war".

[redacted] reports that subject is definitely a leader of the local Communist Party. His business headquarters are at 121 Haight St., and he is there daily. He speaks with authority, and apparently runs the Party affairs according to this informant. He contacts Earl Browder and Robert Minor, heads of the CP in New York, and is in contact with the local leaders of the Party, including ANITA WHITNEY, STEVE NELSON, GEORGE R. ANDERSEN,

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RUDIE LAMBERT, HARRY KRAMER of the PEOPLE'S WORLD, ISAAC FOLKOFF, AND other leading figures, all of whom are subject's of open case files of this Office.

[redacted] reports that at least eight witnesses can be produced who can testify to the Communist Party membership of subject. The file of this informant reflect the following information relative to subject:
(Quote page 859 through 861 of Part I)

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Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Taylor,
Special Agent.

San Francisco, California
March 25, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY USA - 13th DISTRICT
Registration Act

Dear Sir:

This will advise that on March 18, 1941, a continuous mail cover was placed on all mail going to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, the headquarters of the 13th District of the Communist Party and the office of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, District Secretary and Organizer.

A cover has also been placed on mail going to Apartment No. 3, 1550 - 9th Avenue, San Francisco, where SCHNEIDERMAN is presently residing under the alias of W. J. WILLIAMS.

Very truly yours,

H. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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SCHNEIDERMAN CASE

Nationwide Delegation Protests Persecution

(Special to The People's World)

ATLANTIC CITY, April 2.—A powerful delegation, nationwide in scope, today was preparing to call on Attorney General Robert Jackson protesting the government's attempt to cancel the citizenship of William Schneiderman, California Communist Party chieftain.

The delegation is being formed following passage of a resolution at the two-day fifth national conference here last week of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

The conference, attended by 300 delegates from 142 organizations with a total membership of almost nine million persons, went on record as "indignantly" disproving the attempt to deprive Schneiderman of his citizenship and other instances of political persecution.

DELACY ELECTED

Meanwhile, in San Francisco next Monday, April 7, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments by defense counsel for Schneiderman, secretary of the Communist Party of California, appealing against the decision of Judge Michael J. Roche of the Federal district court in July, 1940, which revoked the earlier citizenship papers Schneiderman had received 13 years earlier.

After pledging full active support to Schneiderman's defense, the conference here elected Hugh DeLacy, president of the Washington Commonwealth Federation and a member of the AFL Ship Scalers Union, to be chairman of the Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born for the coming year.

The conference voted to support Schneiderman's defense after hearing a speech summarizing the case delivered by Mini Carson of the Schneiderman Defense Committee, excerpts of which follow:

CASE HISTORY

"The foreign born, non-citizen and naturalized citizen alike, today feel the whiplash of the Government's war-inspired assault on civil and constitutional rights.

"William Schneiderman has committed no crime. Yet the Government of the United States has turned its vast powers against him in an unprecedented effort to revoke his citizenship.

"William Schneiderman came to this country in 1908 at the age of 3.

"At the age of 18, the earliest possible time under the law, William Schneiderman made out and filed a declaration of intention to become an American citizen. In 1927, after having been examined, and after having proved to the satisfaction of the Government his profound attachment to the principles of the United States Constitution, he was admitted to citizenship. "Twelve years later, in 1939, the

Department of Justice, under Attorney General Jackson, started proceedings to cancel his citizenship on the grounds that William Schneiderman was a member of the Communist Party at the time he became a citizen. This, notwithstanding the fact that at the time of his naturalization, he answered all questions put to him truthfully, and concealed nothing as to his beliefs.

"In permitting 12 years to elapse after naturalization, the Government cannot escape the charge of acting in bad faith and engaging in political persecution.

BASIC RIGHTS THREATENED

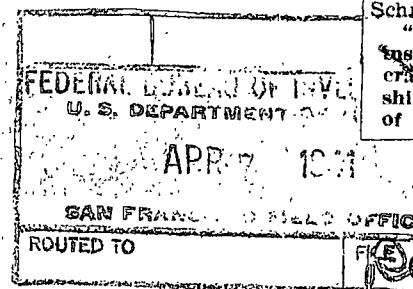
"According to the law and the United States Constitution, there are no two categories of citizens, but one citizenship for all, native and foreign born. Citizenship, once legitimately obtained, is irrevocable.

"This principle, wisely written into our law, is basic to the whole concept of citizenship. If, as the Government claims, it is possible to revoke citizenship for political reasons, then there is established two classes of citizenship, one composed of native born, and the other of naturalized citizens.

"But, under such a system of first and second class citizens, even the citizenship of native born is not free from jeopardy, since a successful attack on the indivisible nature of citizenship opens the way for destruction of the whole principle.

"There are 14 million naturalized citizens in the United States. They are members of trade unions, fraternal societies, peace, and scores of other people's organizations. Their right to continue their membership in these organizations and their activity is challenged by the Government's contention in the Schneiderman case.

"What is being defended in this instance is the American democratic principles of one citizenship for all our people, one set of rights for all our citizens."



CITIZENSHIP FIGHT

Schneiderman Appeal Hearing Set for Monday

RIGHTS OF MILLIONS of naturalized American citizens are involved in an important court hearing set for next Monday, April 7, in San Francisco.

On that day the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments by defense counsel for William Schneiderman, California state secretary of the Communist Party, appealing against a decision of a Federal District Court cancelling his citizenship. Federal Judge Michael J. Roche, in July, 1940, revoked Schneiderman's citizenship papers, obtained 13 years earlier, as a result of a civil suit brought by the U. S. attorney-general's office.

Judge Roche ruled that membership in the Communist Party at the time Schneiderman was naturalized constituted "lack of attachment to the Constitution of the United States," and that therefore his citizenship was obtained by "fraud and illegal means."

POLITICAL PERSECUTION

The defense charged that this was political persecution because of the Communist state secretary's opinions and anti-war activities, and that the rights of millions of naturalized citizens were jeopardized by this attempt of the government to punish its political opponents.

A nationwide campaign around this issue is expected to be launched, following the week-end national conference, on March 29 and 30 in Atlanta City, N. J., of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign-Born, which heard a report on the Schneiderman case by two delegates, Abraham Unger, New York attorney associated with the defense counsel, and Mini Carson, Northern California district secretary of the International Labor Defense.

Defense counsel meanwhile filed briefs replying to the government's arguments, preparatory to the oral arguments on April 7. The defense pointed out that Schneiderman had fulfilled all legal and technical re-

quirements to become a citizen, had answered all questions truthfully, and that there was no fraudulent or illegal means used to obtain citizenship. Membership in the Communist Party was not proscribed by law, and the only reference in the statutes as to political beliefs was to anarchists and disbelievers in organized government. Schneiderman was neither an anarchist nor a disbeliever in organized government; he truthfully stated so, and answered all other questions truthfully. His behavior was law-abiding, it was pointed out, and all evidence introduced by the government did not produce a single fact which showed any infraction of the naturalization requirements.

The literature introduced by the government, purporting to show that the Communist Party advocated the overthrow of the government by "force and violence," had no material bearing on the issues involved in this case, defense counsel stressed. Once a naturalized citizen has obtained his papers as prescribed by law, the defense declared, his citizenship cannot subsequently be revoked, as he has exactly the same rights under the Constitution as a native-born citizen.

George Andersen of San Francisco will present the defense arguments before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Associated with him in the defense are State Sen. Robert W. Kenny of Los Angeles, Abraham Unger of New York and George Olshausen of San Francisco.

Protests by many organizations and individuals interested in civil liberties are being sent to U. S. Attorney Frank J. Hennessy, San Francisco, and Attorney-General Robert Jackson, Washington, D. C.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

On April 28, 1941, a news item indicated that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco had affirmed the ruling of Federal Judge Michael Roche revoking the American citizenship of William Schneiderman, Russian-born secretary of the Communist Party in California. It is desired that you obtain immediately, if possible, a copy of this decision and forward it to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Taylor RCT

San Francisco, California
May 15, 1941

Director,
Federal Bureau of Identification
Washington, D. C.

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with
aliases, VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN,
WILL SCHNEIDERMAN, BILL SMITH-
LEY, W. J. WILLIAMS, B. J.
WILLIAMS
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 8, 1941, requesting this Office to obtain and forward to the Bureau a copy of the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, affirming a decision of the United States District Court which revoked the citizenship of the above Subject.

Please be advised that a copy of this decision is being forwarded herewith. An investigative report on Subject is being prepared and will be forwarded to the Bureau at an early date.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIPER,
Special Agent in Charge

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SAN FRANCISCO CALIF
MAY 29 1941

PETTIS PERRY

124 WEST SIXTH ST ROOM 605
LOS ANGELES CALIF.

THURSDAYS DAILY WORKER WILL CONTAIN FRONT PAGE
EDITORIAL ON PRESIDENTS SPEECH NATIONAL OFFICE
INSTRUCTS REPRINTING AS LEAFLET. YOUR QUOTA
FORTY THOUSAND SUGGEST YOU PRINT LOCALLY. CONFIRM.

WM SCHNEIDERMAN

121 HAIGHT ST

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter
 San Francisco, California
 May 29, 1941

Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN w/as
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fin- gerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of In- vestigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN w/as
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 ... J. Williams

N.Y. PD #B-36028

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Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIERRE
 Special Agent in Charge

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WILLIAMS, B.J.
1302 Taylor St., SF.

7/20/40: Reg. owner of Ford (Lic. #99-A-523) which Wm. Schneiderman drove away from meeting of the American Peace Crusade, Embassy Aud., (7/19/40), Los Angeles.

WILLIAMS, Burney J.
1183-12th St., Oakland (1936)
Reg. Communist voter, 1936.
Reported CPM, 1938.
Address: 1155-7th St., Oakland. Phone: HI-1729.
(SF Tel. Dir. 2/40)

SOLOTOY, S.(?).
670-Woodmont Ave., Berkeley.
9/39: Subscr. PDW.
'39: As Percy SOLOTOY, was a visitor to the Harry Bridges hearing at Angel Island. States he was attorney friend of Gladstein's; his office next to Spencer AUSTRIAN's in Los Angeles. (See clippings re: HB hearing).

OPPENHEIMER, J. Robert
2665 Shasta Rd., Berkeley.
'38: Reported CPM. Is Professor of Physics at U.C.
2/38: Subscriber PDW.
9/39: " "
2/38: On western council, Consumers Union.
9/39: ACLU News: Member, Exec. Comm., ACLU, No. Calif. Branch.

No record on E.H. SIBBOLD or Geo.W. ADRIAN.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FILE

DATE: June 17, 1947

FROM : WILLIAM G. SIMON, SA

SUBJECT: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A review of this case reveals that through inadvertence duplicate serials in several of the volumes were destroyed during the serial destruction project in this office.

It does not appear that any corrective action is warranted at this time. Duplicates of any serials, however, will be carried out whenever the need for an extra copy of a particular serial arises.

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G O V E R N M E N T

SYNOPSIS:

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is State Secretary of the Communist Party in California, with headquarters at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California. He resides at 1550 9th Avenue, Apartment 3, San Francisco, under the name W. J. WILLIAMS; subject states born August 1, 1905 at Rumonov, Russia, coming to the United States September 22, 1903 and becoming naturalized citizen June 10, 1927; citizenship revoked by United States District Court at San Francisco, July 23, 1940; sustained by Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco on April 28, 1941 and case presently being appealed to the United States Supreme Court. Informants advise subject is the active head of the Communist Party in California. Subject stated under oath at his trial that he has been a Communist Party member since 1924 and prior to that time was a member of the Young Workers League, predecessor of the Young Communist League. He was District Organizer in Connecticut in 1930 and in Minnesota from 1931 to 1934, running for governor in Minnesota on the Communist Party ticket in 1932; reported arrested in New York in 1934 for receiving stolen property. Also reported arrested in Saint Paul, Minnesota in 1933. Results of mail cover set out. Custodial Detention memorandum submitted.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO

A custodial detention memorandum is being prepared and will be submitted to the Bureau under separate cover relative to the above subject.

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN first came to the attention of the San Francisco Office by mention in a letter from the Los Angeles Field Division to the Bureau, dated December 31, 1936, captioned "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, GENERAL, Los Angeles File 61-38. The pertinent portions of the letter dealing with SCHNEIDERMAN are set forth in full as follows:

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"The following information was obtained from WILLIAM F. HYNES and others of the Radical and Intelligence Squad of the Los Angeles Police Department and it is believed that said information will be of value to this investigation.

"William Schneiderman, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, is the State Organizer of the C. P. of A. for District #13. He has been engaged in radical and communistic activities for the past fifteen years or more and has been active in California for the past six or more years. He replaced Sam Darcy who was a delegate from the United States to the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International at Moscow in August, 1935. Darcy did not return to California and his present whereabouts is unknown. When he did not return, Schneiderman came to San Francisco and took his place as State, or District #13, organizer with headquarters at San Francisco.

"It was ascertained that he was naturalized at Los Angeles in 1925. At the time of his naturalization he was the organizer for the Young Communist League and later in 1923 he became district organizer at San Francisco, following which he went to New York City and Chicago where he held Communist party positions and returned to Los Angeles about October, 1935, to assume the position of District (now State) organizer for the C. P. of A.

"When Schneiderman was naturalized his two sponsors were active Communists and had been for years.

"From the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Los Angeles, it was ascertained that William (Velvel) Schneiderman was born in Russia, August 1, 1895, and came to the United States and landed in New York City on Sept. 22, 1908. He was naturalized in the U. S. District Court at Los Angeles on June 10, 1927. His sponsors were Albert J. Bock and Miss Minnie Krasich, both well-known Communists. This fact was not found out until 1936. Bock was active in the Communist Party until 1927, at which time he was expelled as he became an employer and was no longer eligible for membership in the Communist party. He ran a dry-cleaning business. The notice of his expulsion appeared in the "Daily Worker." Bock later married Minnie Krasich and she was the director of the Young Workers League which was later known as the Young Pioneers. Bock and Krasich are now supposed to be in San Francisco. Their activities are unknown to the Los Angeles officers at the present time.

" Investigation was begun about November, 1935, by the Naturalization Bureau at Los Angeles to have Schneiderman's citizenship papers cancelled on the ground of fraud. That proceeding is now pending before the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., but it is to be expected that nothing will be done about it as there are approximately thirty such proceedings pending there, some of them for five years or more without decision; others in which deportation orders have been issued as much as five years ago are still unexecuted.

"William F. Hynes stated in affidavit form on March 19, 1936, in substance; that he has been captain of Detectives, Los Angeles Police Department, for the past fifteen years in connection with radical activities and particularly Communistic activities; that he was a member of the Communist Party in 1922, which was then known as the Workers' Party and has known Albert J. Bock, one of the sponsors for Schneiderman, who lived at 2420 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles, and knew him to be a member of the Communist Party and had talked with him relative to his being a Communist. Bock was the business agent for the Cleaners and Dyers Union. Bock married Minnie Krasich, the other sponsor for Schneiderman, who was the leader of the Young Workers League, later known as the Young Communist League in Los Angeles and was designated as director of the Young Pioneers. She later assumed the name Minnie Carson in Communist party activities and soon after 1927 both moved to San Francisco where Bock ceased his activities in behalf of the Communist party but Minnie Carson has continued her activities in the Communist party under that name and is on the District Committee of the Communist Party at the present time.

"The object of the Communist Party of America is to bring about a Communist Society in the United States through force and violence, armed insurrection, civil war and rebellion, and teaches the overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence.

"He stated that he has known William Schneiderman since 1924 and has known him in connection with the Young Workers League, which latter became known as the Young Communist League. He was the District Organizer of the Young Communist League and a member of the Young Communist League of America. Schneiderman spoke at a number of meetings of the Young Workers League from 1924 to 1926. Later he was transferred to San Francisco where he became District Organizer of the Young Communist League. This was in 1928. He was married to Reggie Krasich, a sister of Minnie Krasich, the wife of Albert J. Bock. Reggie left Schneiderman and was living with another member of the Communist Party by the name of Frank Weldron. Mr. Hynes stated that he had official documents of the Workers Party, as well as the Communist Party, in which William Schneiderman, as District Organizational Secretary and as District Organizer of the Young Communist League, issued directions to other members of the Party.

"He stated that he had the originals of six letters dated 1/30/30, 9/10/25, 2/29/28 and 6/11/28, bearing the official letterhead of the Communist Party and the Workers Party of America and the Young Workers Communist League for District #13, all signed by Schneiderman. (He furnished Agent a photostatic copy of these letters and same are being retained in the Los Angeles Field Division).

"He stated that Schneiderman had become the leading figure in the Communist Party in the State of California, with headquarters in San Francisco, having taken the place of Sam Darcy, former District Organizer of District #13 of the Communist Party, comprising the States of California, Arizona and Nevada.

"The following information was obtained from various sources considered reliable, which may be of interest, since Schneiderman is the head of the Communist Party in California District #13.

"William (Velvel) Schneiderman; born in Russia, August 1, 1895; came to the United States, landing in New York City September 22, 1908; eighteen years of age in September, 1914; 5'5-3/4" in height, weight 118 pounds, chestnut hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, Russian, laborer. In 1914 was arrested by New York City Police Department No. B-36028, charge Grand Larceny, and on September 23, 1914, was sentenced to one to two years in Sing Sing Prison by Judge Nott, Sixth District; fingerprint classification 1 U II 3;

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- 1925 - Secretary of Workers Party, Los Angeles, California.
- 1936-27
 - Special Correspondent, "Daily Worker."
 - Naturalized in U. S. District Court at Los Angeles.
- 6/10/27
 - Member Executive Committee, Young Communist League, Los Angeles.
- 1927
 - Refused seat as delegate to A. F. of L. because he was a Communist.
- 1927
 - Instructor in Public Speaking in the Workers School at Los Angeles.
- 12/26/29
 - Arrested in San Francisco for demonstrating in defense of the Soviet government and in solidarity with Haitian workers.
- 3/1/30
 - Special writer for "Daily Worker."
- 6/30/30
 - Special writer for "Daily Worker."
- 1930
 - Active in Communistic work in the State of Connecticut.
 - # Writer for "Daily Worker."
- 9/16/30
 - Spoke before Hatters Meeting, Danbury, Connecticut.
- 1/15/31
 - Organizer for Young Communist League, Los Angeles.
- 1/16/32
 - Spoke at Lenin Memorial, University in Minneapolis.
 - Ran for Governor of Minnesota - received 4806 votes.
 - Organizer for district #9, 304 So. Third St., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 11/30/33
 - Arrested while addressing strikers in South St. Paul, Minnesota.

1933 - Special writer for "Daily Worker."
3/20/34 - District Organizer, State of Minnesota, Communist
Party of America.
6/5/34 - District Organizer, State of Minnesota, Communist
Party of America.
1935 - District Organizer, District #13, 121 Haight St.,
San Francisco, California.

"Agent secured from Mr. Hynes a photostatic copy of a report dated November 6, 1935, entitled "Memorandum Report on William Schneiderman; compiled by American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, Chicago, Illinois." One copy of this report is being sent to the Bureau and a copy is being retained in the Los Angeles field division file. A photograph and the fingerprints of Schneiderman were also obtained and same are being transmitted to the Bureau by letter.

"The American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, Chicago, Illinois, perhaps has the most complete file on radical matters of any organization in America."

The following memorandum on WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was compiled by the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 6, 1935 and obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department:

"The first report this office received concerning WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN's activities was July 4, 1925 when he was agitating for the Communist Party at Los Angeles in the Communist controlled so-called "Hands Off China" movement.

"On June 16th 1926 he wrote for the first time as a special correspondent of the Daily Worker.

"In a special dispatch to the Daily Worker dated August 31, 1926, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN raves against the two Republican candidates for GOVERNOR, FRIEND W. RICHARDSON and Lieut. Governor C. C. YOUNG. He termed RICHARDSON as a 'faked liberal' supported by HEARST and PAUL SCHARRENBURG.

"Writing again for the Daily Worker on January 22, 1927 he takes former Mexican President De La Huerta who was then in Los Angeles to task for recruiting American aid to start a counter revolution against the revolution in Mexico.

"WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was one of 20 Communists elected to the Executive Committee of the Young Workers League stationed in Los Angeles in April 1927. According to the Daily Worker issue of April 21, 1927, SCHNEIDERMAN's hand can be seen in the arrangement of debates between students of the University of California and functionaries of the Young Workers League which is of course the youth organization of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. The official organ of the Young Workers League is the Young Pioneer.

"WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was the chairman of a Young Workers (Communist) League meeting March 20, 1927 in Los Angeles commemorating the anniversary of the Paris Commune. Other speakers on this occasion were L. FEINSTEIN, Communist member of the Painters' Union, delegate to the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles and active in behalf of SACCO and VANZETTI and J. H. FISHER.

"WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN as special correspondent for the Daily Worker wrote up the October 1927 American Federation of Labor convention in Los Angeles in vitriolic style. The Federation was a Red Baiting institution and WILLIAM GREEN, MATTHEW WOLL and FRANK MORRISON had 'proven themselves worthy allies of stoolpigeons.' He was particularly incensed that he was refused a seat as a delegate at the convention because he was a Communist. His credentials to the A. F. of L. convention came from the Office Workers Union.

"The next report from the A. V. I. F. files coming from California contact was dated September 27, 1927, and reads as follows:

"The Young Workers League and the Young Pioneers, both Jr. Communist organizations, celebrated International Youth Day at a meeting held in Lincoln Hall, Walker Auditorium Bldg., Los Angeles, on the night of Sept. 17th...Mrs. BOCK, wife of AL BOCK, who is a member of the Y.W.L. and Business Agent, Cleaners & Dye's Union, Local 176, A. F. of L., was chairman of the meeting. EMANUEL LEVINE, District organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party, with headquarters in San Francisco, returning from the Communist convention recently held in Chicago, and WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Secretary of the Young Workers League, were the principal speakers.

"The November, 1927 prospectus of the Workers School of Los Angeles, Communist, contained the following announcement:

"The Workers (Communist) Party in Los Angeles will start a series of classes which it hopes to develop into a real Workers School in the near future. A class in the elements of political education will be conducted by SIDNEY BUSH, party organizer; a class in party organization, especially for new members, will be conducted by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN weekly for one month; a party speakers class, to train speakers on various subjects to be used in party campaigns, etc., will be conducted by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

"WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was expelled from the American Federation of Labor through the action of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council in which body he represented the Office Workers Union, (November, 1927) only after the American Federation of Labor had threatened to revoke the charter of the Office Workers Union unless it refused in the future to accept dues from SCHNEIDERMAN. Here it will be noted that SCHNEIDERMAN carried dual membership cards, one in the Communist Party and the other in a regularly affiliated A. F. of L. union.

"WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN frequently referred to the Los Angeles Times as part of the 'reptile' press. He decried the campaign in the Times against the Soviet Union as a tissue of falsehoods and lies.

"During much of 1928 SCHNEIDERMAN served continuously as a special correspondent of the Daily Worker until he departed from the 'Bohlsevik Line' going over to the Trotzky faction, after which on December 28th of that year orders were issued by the Communist Party of the U.S.A. to the Central Committee of District 13, reading as follows:

"To remove from all Party offices and to suspend from the Party, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, member of the California District Executive Committee and California Young Workers League District organizer, as a supporter of Trotzkyisms and active agent of the 'Militant.' (Editor's note) There is supporting evidence to the effect that SCHNEIDERMAN's expulsion was a pre-arranged affair so that he could get all of the inside facts as an undercover agent of the regular Communist Party, District 13, as to the plans, membership strength, etc., of the Trotzky faction which had split away from the C.P. U. S. A.

"During the year 1929 nothing is recorded as to SCHNEIDERMAN's activities. He was apparently 'boring from within' the Trotzky faction and helping to 'liquidate' it.

"We again find SCHNEIDERMAN accepted into the good graces of the regular Communist Party and resuming his function as special correspondent for the Daily Worker with articles commencing in March, 1930 in which he attacks the American Legion for engineering anti-Filipino race riots in California.

"Several months previous to this he must have been made organization secretary of District No. 13 for on January 15, 1930 he wrote to one of the Executive Committeemen from San Francisco, FRANK SPECOTR, Los Angeles, Cal., as follows:

"Dear Comrade: Inclosed find minutes of the first meeting of the negro committee of the district executive committee. As you will see from these minutes the committee is not functioning on a district basis, and you can help it do so by having the negro department in Los Angeles send in reports. Who is your negro director and have you a negro committee functioning? Did you order the Liberator (formerly negro champion), and what are you doing for the FREDERICK DOUGLAS MEMORIAL? Comradely yours (Signed) WM. SCHNEIDERMAN, Organization Secretary, District No. 13,

"This letter with other incriminating evidence was seized in a raid on the Los Angeles Communist headquarters made by Chief of Detectives WILLIAM F. HYNES of the Los Angeles so-called 'red squad' and turned over to the Congressional Committee headed by Congressman FISH.

"In June and July 1930 SCHNEIDERMAN wrote for the Daily Worker against the criminal syndicalism law of the State of California, admitting the part played by the Communist Party and its Trades Union Unity League section in organizing the Agricultural Workers and building up the Agricultural Industrial League and of the influence of the Party in the Imperial Valley strike situation, also about building factory nuclei in war industries.

"SCHNEIDERMAN was withdrawn from California some time during August 1930 and transferred to work in Connecticut where he remained performing his usual agitation propaganda duties until January 1931. On the 21st of which month he made an inflammatory talk at New Haven as a Lenin Memorial speaker which unquestionably necessitated his being again transferred to another district, for in May he was arrested in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after a militant May Day speech. His residence in Minneapolis was at 1812 First Avenue.

"On January 22, 1932, he was made the regular District Organizer of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. in District 9 with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

"The actual date of his transfer back from District 9 to District 13 in San Francisco is not a matter of record in the A.V.I.F. files.

"Without any question of doubt SCHNEIDERMAN easily comes under the classification of the Communist Party as a trusted 'professional revolutionist', the definition of which can be found in the Communist Party's Manual on Organization."

The San Francisco Office is in receipt of a chronological case file report on subject from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. This report contains the following additional material to that which has already been set forth above:

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As of October 20, 1935 it was reported to Informant [redacted] that SCHNEIDERMAN would not arrive in San Francisco until October 26, 1935 and that he would stay in Los Angeles prior to that time to become acquainted. The welcoming banquet which had been scheduled for him was therefore postponed until October 27.

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MIKE QUINN, well known Communist writer in San Francisco, says he is from Michigan; that he is a dynamic speaker and well known in police department records in New York, Patterson, New Jersey, Michigan, and Chicago; that he has been sent to California because of his personality, his convincing speeches and fearless leadership. It has been suggested that he make his debut on October 30, at the meeting of the labor party at Dreamland Auditorium at San Francisco.

As of November 4, 1935 an article appearing in the Western Worker, official organ of the Communist Party on the West Coast, indicated that subject was scheduled to speak at the November 7 celebration of the anniversary of the Russian Revolution at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. His subject was "What the Russian Revolution means to the American People."

[redacted] As of January 6, 1936 it was reported to Informant [redacted] that the Los Angeles Police Department has no record of SCHNEIDERMAN's arrest under that name. The San Francisco Police Department has no record of his arrest in 1939 under the name of SCHNEIDERMAN. The Chief of Police of South Saint Paul advised that SCHNEIDERMAN was arrested there with NORMAN HUROWITZ and MORRIS KARSON in November, 1933 in connection with a strike at the Armour Packing Company. At that time SCHNEIDERMAN was connected with an organization called the Packing House Workers Incorporated Union. He was charged with "Committing a Public Nuisance" and found "not guilty". The Dakota County Grand Jury indicted the three named above on the same charge, the indictment being held pending should they visit the community again.

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[redacted] As of May 20, 1936 it was reported to Informant [redacted] that subject spoke at a conference for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism Act, Sacramento, California and was a member of the residing committee.

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[redacted] As of October 3, 1936 it was reported to [redacted] that REGGIE KARSARICK, sister of MINI CARSON, was supposed to be the wife of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN in the year 1926 and for several years prior thereto. She was reported to have left SCHNEIDERMAN while in San Francisco in the latter part of 1927 or 1928.

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As of October 8, 1936 an article in the Western Worker stated that subject had been elected Secretary of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party at Sacramento in connection with the coming political campaign.

[redacted] As of November 4, 1936 it was reported to [redacted] that an article b7D in the San Francisco Chronicle of that date indicated "divorce suits filed SCHNEIDERMAN WILLIAM versus REGINA", address 302 Cumberland Street, San Francisco, born Russia, naturalized Los Angeles, Police record, Patterson, New Jersey.

As of November 16, 1936 an article in the Western Worker reflected the subject spoke at the 19th Anniversary celebration of the U.S.S.R. held in Los Angeles, November 8, 1936.

[redacted] As of September 1, 1938 subject reported to [redacted] as being chairman of the BROWDER-FOSTER mass meeting at Dreamland Auditorium, San Francisco on the evening of August 25, 1938. He introduced ANITA WHITNEY and LEO GALLAGHER, Communist Party candidates in the coming elections. Before this he had made a short speech attacking Governor MERRIAM and all other candidates on the Republican ticket. He also spoke at the BROWDER-FOSTER mass meeting at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, August 28, 1938.

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As of December, 1938 it was reported to Confidential Informant [redacted] that SCHNEIDERMAN was a registered Communist voter, giving his address as 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, occupation clerk.

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As of October 4, 1939 an article in the Peoples World, successor to the Western Worker, Local Communist newspaper, indicated that SCHNEIDERMAN was to argue in the affirmative on the question that the Soviet, German non-aggression pact was in the best interest of World peace. The meeting was sponsored by the Educational Committee of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, District number 2, and the International Longshoremen and Warehousemens Union local 1-10; for the negative will be PAUL C. SMITH. (It is noted that PAUL C. SMITH is presently editor of the San Francisco Chronicle.

As of June 13, 1940 it was reported to [redacted] through the San Francisco Examiner that subject's citizenship was revoked on June 12, 1940 by Federal District Judge MICHAEL J. ROCHE and that SCHNEIDERMAN plans to appeal.

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The file of Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, contains a great number of references to subject. The substance of the information establishes him definitely as the leader of the Communist Party in the State of California. By reference to this file, at least eight witnesses can be produced to testify to the Communist Party membership and position of subject. However, due to the fact that subject has admitted under oath his membership, position and connection with the Communist Party in connection with his citizenship trial, the names of these witnesses and the substance of their testimony will not be reproduced here. The file of this informant also reflects the following information:

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The 1936 list of members of the State Central Committee, published by the Secretary of the State of California, reflects the name of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 302 Cumberland Street, San Francisco, as a member of the Communist State Central Committee. A printed copy of this list is in the San Francisco file of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The name of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, appears on the 1938 and 1940 published lists of the Communist State Central Committee as published by the Secretary of the State of California and copies of these lists are being retained in the files of [redacted]

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Special Agent R. V. MARSHAN examined the records of CHARLES J. COLLIN, Registrar of Voters, City Hall, San Francisco, and found WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, registered as a Communist July 2, 1938, occupation Clerk, born in Russia, naturalized at Los Angeles, California, June 10, 1927, height 5'9"; also registered as a Communist on September 15, 1936, address given 302 Cumberland Street.

The issue of the "Western Worker" Communist newspaper at San Francisco, for October 28, 1935 contains an item concerning a banquet to welcome BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, now district organizer for District 13 of the Communist Party to be held at 121 Haight Street, Sunday, October 27, 1935. This article states he was formerly a district organizer in various eastern districts and in 1927 was an active rank and file delegate to the Central Labor Council.

The file of Confidential Informant [redacted] contains a memorandum submitted by Special Agent A. DICKSTEIN, advising that while [redacted]

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[redacted] he advised Agent DICKSTEIN of the following:

He stated that SCHNEIDERMAN, who is Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States for the California District at San Francisco, left the United States for Moscow, Russia, in April, 1934.

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[redacted] that SCHNEIDERMAN left for New York on either a White Star or Cunard liner.

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[redacted] alleges that to his best recollection SCHNEIDERMAN traveled under false passport and upon his arrival in Russia used the name WILLIAM SHERMAN and while in Moscow lived at the LUX hotel where only high officials and members of the Comintern were permitted to stay. SCHNEIDERMAN was then a representative of the Communist Party of the United States through the Communist Internationale in Moscow.

[redacted] further stated to Agent DICKSTEIN that SCHNEIDERMAN returned to the United States from Moscow [redacted]

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[redacted] which was in 1935; [redacted] and remembers when he, SCHNEIDERMAN, was the District Organizer for the Communist Party in Minneapolis, Minnesota prior to his coming to San Francisco, California. The memorandum concludes:

"It appears that if SCHNEIDERMAN traveled under a false passport in 1934 the statute of limitations has expired and no investigation is being requested unless instructed to the contrary." In this connection, it is noted that a report of Special Agent LOUIS LOEHL, dated December 1, 1939 at Washington, D.C. in case entitled, "COMMUNIST PARTY USA, REGISTRATION ACT," in which New York is the office of origin, San Francisco file 97-4-10, reflected that passport number 93301 was issued April 28, 1934 to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, address 1315 Queen Avenue, North Minneapolis, Minnesota, born December 14, 1905, at Romanov, Russia; emigrated to the United States in 1907; naturalized Southern District of California, at Los Angeles, serial number 2608994; passport applied for to depart from the port of New York April 30, 1934 to European countries for travel and study.

In view of this information, which indicates that SCHNEIDERMAN did not secure his passport under the name WILLIAM SHERMAN, and due to the fact that the Statute of Limitations has run on any passport violation submitted in 1934, no leads are being set out to conduct investigation regarding SCHNEIDERMAN's having secured this passport under a false name.

At the office of WALTER B. MALING, Clerk of the United States District Court for the northern district of California, Southern Division, Post Office Building, San Francisco, an examination was made of the file entitled "United States of America, petitioner versus WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, also known as VELVEL SCHNEIDERIAN, respondent, file 21257-R. This file reflected that on June 30, 1939 a complaint was filed by the United States Attorney at San Francisco, California under provisions Section 15 of the Act of Congress, approved June 29, 1906, Statute 34, U.S.L. Part one, Page 696. The complaint alleged in substance that SCHNEIDERMAN, then known as VELVEL SCHNEIDERIAN, a native and then a subject of Russia, made declaration of Intention number 26427 on February 8, 1924 in the United States District Court at Los Angeles, California. SCHNEIDERIAN filed his petition for naturalization under the name of VELVEL SCHNEIDERIAN, petition number 18758, in the same court on January 18, 1927, at which time he requested that his name be changed to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERIAN and he was admitted to citizenship on June 10, 1927, certificate of naturalization number 2608994, being issued to him on the latter date in the name of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. The complaint further alleges in substance that SCHNEIDERIAN was a member of the Workers (Communist) Party of America and the Young Workers (Communist) League of America; that at all times subsequent to his entry into the United States he was and has continued to be such a member, as well as a member of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R.; that these organizations advocate overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence and that since SCHNEIDERIAN obtained his certificate and decree of naturalization without disclosing to the court his membership in such organizations, The government asked the court to cancel SCHNEIDERIAN's naturalization and require him to submit his certificate of naturalization. On September 22, 1939 GEORGE R. ANDERSEN, Attorney for SCHNEIDERIAN, filed an answer to the Government's complaint and it was noted that Paragraph 4 of the answer contained the following statement:

"This respondent.....admits that at the time and place alleged in said paragraph, referring to Paragraph 4 of the Government's Complaint, respondent was a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America." The record further reflected that the issues in this case were heard before United States District Judge MICHAEL J. ROCHE on December 7, 8, 12, and 13, 1939 and on July 23, 1940 the court filed a judgment and decree revoking SCHNEIDERMAN's decree of naturalization and declaring same null and void, and directed SCHNEIDERMAN to surrender to the court his certificate of naturalization. On July 29, 1940 SCHNEIDERIAN, through his attorney GEORGE ANDERSEN, filed a notice of appeal from a decision of the United States court to the circuit court of Appeals of the United States at San Francisco, California. In the office of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals Clerk, Room 324, Post Office Building, San Francisco, California, examination was made of the records of that court, number 9658, in the case of the United States against SCHNEIDERMAN; this file contains the original exhibits in the case as well as a complete transcript of all testimony.

Exhibit number one is a declaration of intention number 26427, filed by VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Los Angeles, California on February 8, 1924. It states, among other things, as follows:

"I, VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN, aged 18 years, occupation, Student, do declare on oath that my personal description is, Complexion light, 5'10", 130 pounds in weight, hair auburn, eyes Green, other distinctive marks, none. I was born at Rumonov, Russia on the First day of August, A. D. 1905, I now reside at 2755 Winter Street, Los Angeles, California. I emmigrated to the United States of America from Antwerp, Belgium on the vessel KROONLAND. My last foreign residence was Rumonov, Russia. I am not married. The name of my wife is _____; she was born _____; she now resides _____. It is my bonafide intention to renounce forever allegiance to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, particularly to the present government of Russia of which government I am now a subject. I arrived at the Port of New York in the State of New York on or about the first day of September A. D. 1907. I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist or a believer in the practice of polygamy and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein.

/S/ VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN

Exhibit number 2 is a petition of naturalization number 18758 filed in the same court, January 18, 1927. This petition shows the same date and place of birth but indicates the date of arrival in the United States as September 22, 1908 at New York on the SS KROONLAND and it further petitions the court for a change of subject's name to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. The petition states that he has resided in California since 1919. The witnesses to this petition of naturalization were ALBERT J. BOCK, 2420 Brooklyn Avenue, Los Angeles, California and MINNIE KARASICK, 2728 Folsom Street, Los Angeles, California.

It is noted that ALBERT J. BOCK and MINNIE KARASICK, alias MINI CARSON, are both subjects of investigative files in the San Francisco Office at the present time.

Exhibit number 3 is a certificate of naturalization number 2608994, issued June 10, 1927. An examination of the transcript of testimony indicated the following items of interest:

At page 91 in the testimony of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN subject testified that he was a member of the Young Communist League at the time his citizenship was granted and that he was also a member of the Workers Party which he identified as being the predecessor of the Communist Party of the United States, having been a member of this party since 1924 or 1925. At page 94 of his testimony, subject stated that he

was district organizer for the State of Connecticut in 1930. At Page 95 he stated that he was district organizer for the Communist Party for the State of Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin from 1931 to 1934. At page 95 he stated that he had been in the Soviet Union in 1934 and had attended the 7th World Congress of the Communist Internationale. At page 96 he stated that he is now State Secretary of the Communist Party for California. He further advised that he had obtained this position when District 13 had been broken up into states and said that he had formerly been district organizer of District 13. At page 102 of his testimony, subject stated that the witnesses, BOCK and KARASICK had also been members of the Young Communist League at the time they signed his petition for naturalization. At page 360 he stated that he had never been arrested prior to being granted citizenship in 1927 and he had never been before any juvenile court. At page 363 of his testimony he stated that he ran for governor on the Communist Party ticket in Minnesota in 1932. At the Bureau of Identification of the San Francisco Police Department it was determined that no local record exists for subject. However, the Bureau of Identification is in possession of a fingerprint form for subject under New York Police Department number B-36028. His name on this card is carried as WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN alias BILL SMITHLEY and his fingerprint classification is shown as: 1 U 4

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Further information contained on this fingerprint card is quoted below as follows:

1910	"New York, N. Y.	Chg. Dis. Cond. (PP) Dis. (Prisoner's Statement)
1911	New York, N.Y.	Jewish Protectory. Chg. Dis. Cond. (Prisoner's statement)
1912	New York, N. Y.	Jewish Protectory. Chg. Dis Cond. (Prisoner's statement)
1914	Aug. 15th N. Y.	Chg. Rec. Stolen Prop. Att. G. L. Sept, 23, 1914 to Sing Sing Prison. 1 to 2 years.

Arrested for demonstrating in defense of the Soviet Gov. and in solidarity with the Haitian Workers in S. F. Daily Worker Dec. 28, 1929.

Writer for the Daily Worker, Mar. 1, 1930.

Writer for the Daily Worker June 30, 1930.

Active all over State of Connecticut in 1930.

Appeared before Board of Alderman as representative of T.U.U.L. Daily Worker Sept. 16, 1930 in New Haven, Conn.

Spoke at Hattcrs Mass Meeting in Danbury, Connecticut in strike headquarters of N.T.F.I.U. Daily Worker. Jan. 15, 1931

Spoke at Lenin Memorial Meeting at Minneapolis, Daily Worker, January 16, 1932. Arr. addressing Meat strikers in South St. Paul, Minn. Daily Worker Nov. 30, 1933.

Daily Worker Jan 10, 1934.

Wrote article Daily Worker. Feb. 7, 1934.

Minneapolis Dist. Organizer. Daily Worker, March 20, 1934.

Wrote letter. Daily worker, June 5, 1934.

(Above record from the Chicago Police Department Letter of Nov 5, 1935.

Due to the fact that subject's date of birth has been given as August 1, 1905 and since it appears that the subject of the above record was first arrested in 1910, it would appear that there is a possibility that they are not identical. A lead has been set out for New York to determine if possible, whether the subject and the person arrested there in 1914 are identical. For the information of the New York Office in covering this lead there are being enclosed herewith a photographic copy of the fingerprint card obtained from the San Francisco Police Department and also a photograph of subject supposed to have been taken at the time of his New York arrest in 1914. The descriptive data on the reverse side of this photograph indicates that subject was eighteen years of age at the time of this arrest.

Subject's criminal record is being requested from the Bureau under the New York Police Department number which is the only one known for him at the present time:

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reports that subject is definitely a leader of the local Communist Party. His business headquarters are at 121 Haight Street and he is there daily. He speaks with authority and apparently runs the party affairs according to this informant. He contacts EARL BROWDER and ROBERT MINOR, heads of the Communist Party of New York City, and is in contact with the local leaders of the Communist Party, including ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman, STEVE NELSON, San Francisco County Secretary, GEORGE R. ANDERSEN, Attorney for the Communist Party and International Labor Defense, and incidentally, SCHNEIDERMAN's personal secretary and RUDY LAMBERT, worker at the Communist Party headquarters, HARRY KRAMER, business manager of the Peoples World, local Communist Party newspaper, ISAAC FOLKOFF, undercover financial connection of the Party and other leading figures, all of whom are subjects of open case files in the San Francisco Office.

This informant further reports that subject is married and that his wife's name is LEAH. On December 1, 1940 information was received from Confidential Informant [redacted] that subject would meet with ISAAC FOLKOFF at FOLKOFF's home and that they would then proceed to an important Communist Party meeting to be held in Oakland or Berkeley, California. FOLKOFF's home was kept under surveillance by Special Agents R. C. TAYLOR and R. L. KING. SCHNEIDERMAN arrived at approximately 2:45 p.m. in a 1937 Ford, 2 door sedan, California license, 99 A 523. He and FOLKOFF then proceeded to 605 Woodmont Avenue, Berkeley, California, which is the home of Professor HAAKON CHEVALIER of the University of California, who has frequently been reported as an active Communist to this office and who is the subject of an investigative file.

There were a number of cars parked in the driveway of CHEVALIER's home, the license numbers of which were obtained and are set out as follows:

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1940 Packard Coupe, bearing 1940 California License plates, 47 P 158, registered to J. R. OPPENHEIMER, 2665 Shasta Rd., Berkeley, California. In connection with OPPENHEIMER, it should be noted that he is also a professor at the University of California and Confidential Informant [redacted] advises that he has been referred to by ISAAC FOLKOFF as the "big shot." It is not known definitely what FOLKOFF meant by this term but it is assumed that he referred to him as being a person of importance in Communist Party affairs. He is also the subject of an open case file in the San Francisco Office.

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1940 Cadillac Sedan, bearing 1940 license plates, 49B223, registered to PAUL C. SMITH of the San Francisco Chronicle. This information relative to SMITH was transmitted to the Bureau by Confidential letter from the San Francisco Office. It is noted that PAUL C. SMITH is editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, one of the leading daily newspapers in San Francisco. It is noted that PAUL C. SMITH is mentioned in file 6L-190-87, as being the friend of LEO BAROWAY, who is a known worker at the Communist Party headquarters and is also the subject of an open case file in the San Francisco Office.

1940 Pontiac Coupe, License number 4G 9757, registered to PERCY SOLOTOY, 605-A Woodmont Avenue, Berkeley, California. Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that one S. SOLOTOY, 670 Woodmont Avenue in Berkeley was a subscriber to the Peoples World, Communist Newspaper in September 1939 and that a PERCY SOLOTOY was a visitor to the HARRY BRIDGES hearing at Angel Island, stating that he was an attorney friend of RICHARD GLADSTEIN who was one of the defense attorneys at the BRIDGES' trial. It is not known whether this individual is identical with the person to whom the above license number is registered.

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The following cars were parked on the street outside the residence and it is not known whether or not they had any connection with the meeting.

Chevrolet Sedan bearing license plates 2 E 5468 registered to PERCY SOLOTOY, 605 Woodmont Avenue, Berkeley.

1935 Plymouth Coupe, bearing license plates: 1 E 6228, registered to E. H. STIBBOLD, 2243 College Avenue, Berkeley.

1931 Buick Sedan, bearing license plates 73-11372, registered to GEORGE W. ADRIAN, 1031 West Kensington Road, Los Angeles, California.

Studebaker Sedan bearing license plates 3 G 8072 registered to MELLIE OLIVER, Box 101 Novato, California.

All the above license plates were 1940 California license plates. The cars mentioned were parked on the street outside CHEVALIER's home. There were a number of cars parked up and down the street and it was not possible to determine whether the occupants or owners of the cars were in CHEVALIER's home. Due to the fact that this is a rather expensive residence neighborhood and also due to the fact that it was considered indiscreet for agents to remain in the neighborhood, surveillance was discontinued after SCHNEIDERMAN and FOLKOFF entered CHEVALIER's home.

On March 1, 1940 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that SCHNEIDERMAN and his wife LEAH planned to have dinner with ISAAC FOLKOFF at his home, 46 Marston Avenue, San Francisco. Accordingly a surveillance was maintained by the writer and special agents O. A. EZELL, R. E. MAYER, and P. G. BOWSER. SCHNEIDERMAN and a woman who was apparently his wife, entered FOLKOFF's home at approximately 5:45 p.m., remaining there until 10:40 p.m. At this time SCHNEIDERMAN was driving the same 1937 Gray Ford 2 door sedan that he had previously been driving on December, 1940. However, it now bore 1941 California plates 68FL183. The California Department of Motor Vehicles has advised that this license plate is issued to B. J. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California for a 1937 Ford 2 door Sedan of which he is the sole owner. 1940 California license plates were issued to L. J. WILLIAMS, 1302 Taylor Street, San Francisco, for the same car. Subject left FOLKOFF's home at the approximate time of 10:40 p.m. and proceeded by a rather devious route to 271 Castro Street, which was subsequently determined to be the home of MINI CARSON, subject of an open case file in the San Francisco office. Confidential Informant [redacted] advises that she has a non-published telephone this address: UNDERHILL 1748. There was apparently a party or meeting of some nature in progress as the house was lighted and a number of cars were parked on the street in the vicinity. License plates indicated that the cars were owned as follows:

45 H 610, issued for a 1926 Chrysler Coupe, owner C. W. FALCONER, 155 Del Monte Street, San Francisco.

91 E 93, for a 1939 Plymouth Sedan, owner, A. J. BOCK, 271 Castro Street, San Francisco, California.

In this connection it should be noted that A. J. BOCK is the husband of MINI CARSON according to information in the San Francisco files and that he and MINI CARSON are identical with the individuals who signed SCHNEIDERMAN's petition for naturalization as stated above.

03 F 289, issued for a 1936 De Soto Sedan, owner, JOHN ARTHUR PEARSON, 265 Castro Street, San Francisco, California.

44 B 842, for a 1932 Ford Roadster, owner, OSCAR WILLIAMS, 271 Castro Street, San Francisco, California.

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83 F 219 for a 1933 Ford 2 door Sedan, owner H. D. LAFERTE, 351 California Street, San Francisco, California.

8 Q 4016 (1940) issued for a 1932 De Soto Sedan, owner, MAURICE A. HEREFORD, 422 $\frac{1}{2}$ Spruce Street, San Francisco, California.

All of the above license numbers, with the exception of the last one, were 1941 California plates. SCHNEIDERMAN left this address at approximately 1:50 a.m. and proceeded directly from there to an apartment house located at 1550 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California. He parked his car in the garage of this apartment building, then entered the building and he and his wife were observed to go into an apartment on the first floor. Within a few minutes after they had entered all lights were extinguished and it was assumed that they had retired for the night. Discreet investigation at the apartment building disclosed that the apartment they had entered was known as apartment number 3. On the name plate index of the apartment house it is noted that this apartment is listed to a W. J. WILLIAMS.

The apartment house name index indicates that apartment number 4 directly across the hall from apartment subject entered is the manager's apartment. The names listed for this apartment are RUTH E. HERKLE and D. J. WULZEN. The other apartments in the building are occupied as follows:

Apartment number one, G. H. CAMERON
Apartment number two, D. J. TYLER
Apartment number five, A. MORANDA
Apartment number six, EMMA NELSON
Apartment number seven W. JONES
Apartment number eight VACANT
Apartment number nine J. V. KINANEY
Apartment number ten M. HARMS
Apartment number eleven, R. AXES
Apartment number twelve, O. W. MARTIN

Confidential Informant [redacted] advises that there is no telephone either listed or unlisted in Apartment number three and that there is no telephone either listed or unlisted in the name of W. J. WILLIAMS, B. J. WILLIAMS or WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

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At the offices of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, MR. P. M. DOWNING, General Manager, after making a check of his records, advised that there is no individual gas meter for Apartment number three at 1550 9th Avenue. He stated that the gas is billed to the Manager of the apartment, one D. J. WULZEN and that if any separation is made it is by the manager rather than by the gas company. He therefore was unable to supply any information regarding the occupancy of Apartment three.

On March 5, 1941 a mail cover was placed on all mail addressed to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN or to any other party at 1550 9th Avenue, and also on mail addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN or any other party at 1211 Haight Street, San Francisco, California. The results of this mail cover are set forth as follows:

Letter postmarked Los Angeles, California, March 19, 1941, bearing no return address, addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California.

Letter postmarked Phoenix, Arizona, March 1, 1941, p.m., addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight Street, bearing return address 533 East Jefferson St., Phoenix, Arizona.

Letter postmarked New York City, March 21, 1941, 6:30 p.m., addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight St., bearing return address P.O. Box 148, Station D, New York City.

Letter postmarked New York City, March 21, 1941, addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight St., bearing return address, P. O. Box 87, Station D. New York City.

Letter postmarked Los Angeles, March 21, 1941, addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight St., bearing return address 1234 West 6Th Street, Los Angeles California.

Letter postmarked Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 21, 1941, 6:00 p.m. addressed to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, bearing return address, Room J½ North 2nd Street, bearing return address J St., Sacramento, California. (It is known that GRICUS is Communist Party Secretary at Sacramento and that 681½ J. Street is the address of the Progressive Book Shop San Francisco file 100-848.)

Letter postmarked Los Angeles, March 25, 1941, addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, no return address.

Post card, postmarked San Francisco, March 27, 1941, 3:30 p.m. addressed to MRS. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California. The reverse side of the post card states, "Thursday, I'm such a dope that I returned the information to you---and now I haven't got a copy of it myself. I hope you saved it. What happens to people like me eventually?" /S/ COCO.

(Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that "COCO" is the wife of AL RICHMOND, Managing Editor of the Peoples World, daily Communist newspaper to San Francisco. He is subject of San Francisco file 61-415.)

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Airmail letter postmarked (illegible), addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, bearing return address 124 West 6th Street, Room 605, Los Angeles, California.

Airmail letter addressed to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, post mark illegible, bearing the return address P.O. Box 2823, Denver, Colorado. And the return address type r the initials J.A..

Airmail letter postmarked New York City, March 29, 1941; addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, bearing return address P. O. Box, 87, Station D, New York City.

Letter postmarked Chicago, Illinois, March 31, 1941, 7:00 p.m., addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight Street, bearing return address 201 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Letter postmarked Dallas, Texas March 25, 1941 1:30 p.m. addressed to IDELLE WILLIAMS, 1302 Taylor Street, San Francisco, forwarded on order 37, B to 1550 9th Ave., San Francisco, bearing return address, VICKLANDRITH, 3004 Douglas, Dallas, Texas.

Airmail letter postmarked New York City, April 1, 1941, 7:30 A.M., addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, from P. O. Box 87, Station D, New York City.

Airmail letter addressed to MRS. W. J. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California, postmarked New York, New York, 4/2/41, 1:00 p.m. This letter bears no return address.

Letter postmarked New York April 2, 1941, 9 p.m., bearing return address 208 North Wells Street, #201 Chicago, Illinois.

Letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, 8:00 p.m. 4/3/41, addressed to W. J. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California, bearing return address, 1315 Queen Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Letter postmarked Phoenix, Arizona, April 4, 1941, 12:30 p.m., addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight Street, bearing return address 533 East Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona.

Letter addressed W. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avenue, Postmarked April 9, 1941, place illegible, bearing return address LLOYD SCHNEIDER, 1315 Queen Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Letter postmarked Los Angeles, April 9, 1941, addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight Street, and bearing return address JACK MOORE, 1002 North Rampart Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

Letter postmarked New York, April 10, 1941, 7:30 p.m., addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, return address P.O. Box 87, Station D, New York City.

Letter addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN from Los Angeles, Post Marked April 12, bearing no return address.

Letter addressed to MRS. J. W. WILLIAMS 1550 9th Ave., San Francisco, California, postmarked unstated, bearing return address HARRY SHEGOUTZ, 1610 Oak Park, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Letter addressed to MRS. J. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avenue, Postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 16, 1941, 10:00 a.m., bearing return address 1315 Queen Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Letter addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, postmarked Los Angeles, April 16, 1941, no return address.

Letter addressed to W. J. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avenue, Apartment 3, Post marked Los Angeles, bearing no return address.

Airmail letter postmarked New York City, April 24, 1941, Madison Street Station, addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight St., bearing return address P.O. Box 87, Station D, New York City.

Letter addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN postmarked Los Angeles, California, April 30, 1941, bearing no return address.

Letter postmarked Los Angeles, April 30, 1941, addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight St., bearing no return address.

Airmail letter postmarked New York, April 30, 1:30 p.m. addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight St., bearing return address, 87 Station D, New York City.

Letter addressed to SAM DON, care WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight St., Postmarked New York City, May 7, 1941, 5:50 p.m., Madison Square Station, bearing return address of F. ROSEN, 329 East 18th Street, New York City.

Letter addressed to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN 121 Haight St., Postmarked San Francisco, May 8, 1941, bearing return address, 1560 Pine Street.

Letter addressed to W. SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, postmarked Newark, New Jersey, May 8, 1941, 8 p.m., with return address Post Office Box 37, Newark, New Jersey.

Airmail letter postmarked New York, New York, May 8, 1941, addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight St., bearing return address P.O. box 27, Station D New York City.

Letter addressed to SCHNEIDERMAN at 121 Haight St., Postmarked Huntington Park, California May 12, 1941, 2:00 p.m., bearing return address 124 West 6th St., Room 605.

Airmail letter addressed to W. J. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avt., postmarked New York City, May 18, 1941, c. 90 p.m., bearing no return address.

Airmail letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 19, 1941, 8:00 a.m., address to W. J. WILLIAMS, 1550 9th Avenue, San Francisco, bearing return address 1315 Queen Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The following description of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was obtained from observation of agents during the course of surveillance:

Age	36 years
Born	August 1, 1905 (allegedly)
Height	5'8 or 9"
Weight	160 to 170 lbs
Build	Stocky
Hair	Brownish-red, receding, bald patch on crown.
Eyes	Hazel, possibly gray
Complexion	Pale
Nativity	Russia
Citizenship	Naturalized but citizenship recently revoked.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE, 1 photographic copy of finger-prints of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, alias BILL SMITHLEY
1 photograph of subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, alias BILL SMITHLEY, New York P.D. #B-36028.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

Will determine whether subject is known to the Chicago PD. The San Francisco PD record indicates that some information regarding subject was received by letter from the Chicago PD under date of November, 1935.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Will determine the identity, background and activities of VIC LANDRITH, 3004 Douglas, Dallas, Texas.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO: Will determine who is the holder of post office box, 2823 and advise as to the background and activities of this individual.

It is noted that the return address in this instance carried the initials J.A.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will determine who is the occupant at 124 West 6th Street, Room 605, and if an individual, will advise the San Francisco Office, of his identity, background and activities.

Will determine the identity, background and activities of JACK MOORE, 1002 North Rampart Street, Los Angeles, California.

Will interview WILLIAM F. HYNES, of the Los Angeles Police Department to determine whether or not subject has ever been arrested in Los Angeles.

Will determine the source of HYNE's information that subject was born August 1, 1895 as set forth in letter from the Los Angeles Office to the Bureau dated December 31, 1936, captioned SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES Los Angeles file 61-38.

THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN: Will determine the occupant of Room 902 at 517 North 2nd Street and if an individual will advise the San Francisco Office of his identity, background and activities.

THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT: Will consult the records of the police department and similar sources of information for all available data regarding the activities of subject who is said to have been an organizer for the State of Connecticut in 1930.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK: Will obtain from the New York Police Department all possible information regardint the arrest of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, alias Bill Smithley at New York on August 14, 1914, New York P.D. number B-36028, and will determine if possible, the subsequent history of this individual with a view to learning whether he is identical with the subject of this case. It should be noted that the person arrested in 1914 gave his age as 18 and had a New York Police Department record extending back to 1910, while subject states in his citizenship application that he was born in 1905 and therefore would have been only 9 years of age in 1914. Subject further stated under oath at his citizenship hearing that he was never arrested prior to 1927 and had never been before a juvenile court.

Will determine the background and activity of F. ROSEN, 329 East 18th Street, New York City.

AT ELLIS ISLAND: Will check the immigration record to determine the complete facts regarding subject's arrival in the United States September 22, 1908, on the SS KROONLAND and will note particularly his relatives and place and date of birth.

It should be noted in this connection that in his citizenship application he claims to have been born August 1, 1905, and the Los Angeles Police Department has reported his date of birth as August 1, 1895.

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY: Will determine the identity, background and activitics of the holder of P.O. Box 37.

AT PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY: Will determine whether or not subject has a police department record there, it having been reported by a confidential informant that he was an agitator at that place, although no date was given.

THE PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA: Will determine who is the occupant of 533 East Jefferson Street and if an individual, will also determine his identity, background and activities.

THE SAINT PAUL FIELD DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA: Will determine the background and activities of LLOYD SCHNEIDER and any other residents of 1315 Queen Avenue, North.

Will determine the background and activities of HARRY SHEGOUTZ, 1610 Oak Park, North.

AT SOUTH SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA: Will determine the full details regarding Subject's alleged arrest at that place in 1933 in connection with a strike at the Armour Packing Company. Will supply his PD number and fingerprint classification.

Will determine the status of an indictment allegedly pending against him in Dakota County.

AT SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA: Will consult Confidential Informants, police department records and other sources of information for all available data regarding subject's activities while he was district organizer for Minnesota and Wisconsin from 1932 to 1934.

Will check the records of the Secretary of State or other proper sources for all details regarding subject's alleged candidacy on the Communist Party ticket in 1932.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will check the records of the Superior Court to determine whether subject was a party to a divorce action by REGINA SCHNEIDERMAN, at San Francisco in November, 1936, and if so will review the case and the testimony for any pertinent data.

Will check the marriage license records to determine whether there is any record of subject's marriage to LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN, allegedly his present wife, obtaining all pertinent data.

Will determine the background and activities of D. J. WULZEN and RUTH MERCKLE whose names appear on the Manager's apartment at 1550 9th Avenue, with a view to ascertaining whether they may be safely contacted for information regarding subject.

Will determine the identity, background and activities of the resident at 1650 Pine Street, who addressed a letter to SCHNEIDERMAN on May 5, 1941.

Will maintain contact with Confidential informants regarding subject's activities and contacts.

Will continue to report results of mail cover placed on subject's home and business addresses.

Through [redacted] will attempt to ascertain whether or not subject maintains a bank account in San Francisco and if located, will examine same for all pertinent data.

PENDING

San Francisco, California
June 4, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN u/as
REGISTRATION ACT
Dear Sir:

In connection with investigation presently being conducted by the San Francisco Office in the above-entitled case, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau obtain and forward to, the San Francisco Office photostatic copies of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN's income tax returns for the years, 1937, 1938, 1939, and 1940, together with all supporting documents.

Very truly yours,

JL
N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California
June 5, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, w/as
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith is a custodial memorandum on the above named subject, consisting of original and two copies and containing all pertinent information regarding the subject.

Very truly yours,

Def
N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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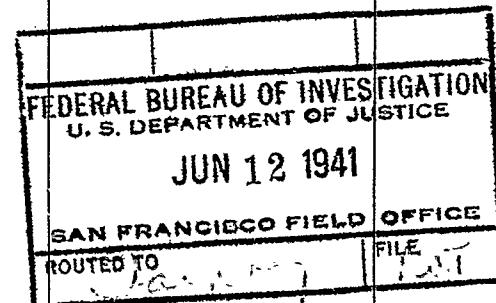
Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

June 9, 1941

The following is the record of FBI number 2223462

J. E. Hoover
 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>1910, NYC, NY; disc, cond. (PP), disc. (Admits). 1911, NYC, NY, Jewish Protective, disc. cond. (Admits). 1912, NYC, NY, Jewish Protective, disc. cond. (Admits). 1914, Aug. 15, N.Y., U.S.P.O. #380, C.L. 9-22-14 to Sing Sing Prison 1 to 2 yrs. As William Schneiderman, #B-36028, fingerprinted by FD, NYC, NY, about 9-22-14. Arr. for demonstrating in defense of the Soviet Gov. and in solidarity with the Haitian Workers in S.F. Daily Worker, 12-28-29. Arr. addressing Steel strikers in South St. Paul, Minn. Daily Worker, 11-30-33.</p>			



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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J. E. Hoover
Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Bu. Field Div. Los Angeles, Calif.	William Schneiderman #4	Inquiry 1-9-37		
Bu. Field Div. San Francisco, Calif.	William Schneiderman, #4	Inquiry 1-11-40		
	The following data appears on print #4, Bu. Field Div., San Francisco, Calif.:			
	Writer for the Daily Worker, 3-1-30. Writer for the Daily Worker, 6-30-30. Active all over State of Connecticut in 1930. Appeared before Board of Alderman as representative of T.U.U.L. Daily Worker 9-30-30 in New Haven, Conn. Spoke at Workers Mass Meeting in Danbury, Conn. in strike headquarters of N.T.W.I.U. Daily Worker, 1-15-31. Spoke at Lenin Memorial Meeting at Minneapolis, Daily Worker, 1-16-32.			
	Daily Worker, 1-10-34. Wrote article Daily Worker, 2-7-34. Minneapolis Dist. Organizer Daily Worker 3-20-34. Wrote letter, Daily Worker, 6-5-34.			
	Aliases: Bill Smithley.			
	The above individual is identical with WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, subject of your letter dated May 29, 1941.			
	Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN w/as REGISTRATION ACT (97-26)			
CC-Bu. Field Div. San Fran., Calif.				

* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in FBI files.

(Copy made K. M.)
San Francisco, California
March 10, 1943

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN PLACED IN EXHIBIT ENVELOPE 97-26-31:

1. Copy of Selective Service Questionnaire and Registration Card of William Schneiderman, furnished by Miss Dorothy Obernesser, Local Draft Board #85. Rec. 6/23/41.
—(Above exhibit removed to Vol. III, 97-26-53 (3).)
2. Mail tracings for: Communist Party Headquarters,
121 Haight Street, San Francisco
and
1550 - 9th Ave., San Francisco

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JUNE 22, 1941

Memorandum for the file:

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

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Investigation conducted on 6/21/41

At Local Draft Board No 85, Miss Dorothy Obernesser, furnished the following attached copy of the Selective Service Questionnaire and Registration card of the subject. 87-41-26-31(1)

Respectfully submitted

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
518 Railway Exchange Building
Denver, Colorado
June 19, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, w.a.s.
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. TAYLOR dated May 29, 1941, at San Francisco, California, and specifically to the lead set out in this report on page 23 for the Denver Field Division.

A review of the files of the Denver Field Division reflects that the holder of Post Office Box 2823 is JAMES ALLANDER, District Organizer of the Communist Party, District 19.

Your attention is called to the report of Special Agent RAYMOND CAVANAGH dated May 22, 1941, Denver, Colorado, entitled "JAMES ALLANDER; INTERNAL SECURITY - R" which was furnished the San Francisco Field Division for information and sets forth the background and activities of JAMES ALLANDER.

Very truly yours,

G. A. Nicholson
G. A. NICHOLSON *per*
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1

This Case Originated At SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File No. 97-62

Report Made At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	Date Made 6/27/41	Period for which made 6/9, 12/41	Report Made By A. D. MEHEGAN ADM:RBH
Title WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases Velvel Schneiderman, Bill Schneiderman, Bill Smithley, W. J. WILLIAMS, B. L. Williams.	Character of Case REGISTRATION ACT		

Synopsis of Facts:

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is listed in the files of the Industrial Squad of the Chicago Police Department. All of his activities appear to be confined to other localities than Chicago. Known in Chicago only by reputation as a known Communist. Information in the Chicago Police Department similar to that already in the possession of the office of origin.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent R. C. TAYLOR, at San Francisco, dated May 29, 1941.

Details:

The reporting agent consulted with Lieutenant MAKE MILLS, in charge of the Industrial Squad of the Chicago Police Department, who advised that from his records that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is well known to him as a known Communist but that all of his activities have been in sections of

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Forwarded *W. S. Deveraux* Special Agent
in Charge

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the United States other than Chicago. He is known in Chicago only by his reputation. Lieutenant MAKE MILLS has a photograph of the subject which was taken in New York City by the Police Department with the New York City Police Department No. B-36028. This is the same photograph which is referred to in the report of reference on page #4.

Lieutenant MILLS advised further from his records that the subject is now in the State of California on the State Committee of the Communist Party of America and is also State Secretary for the Communist Party. There was displayed to the reporting agent a copy of the Daily Worker newspaper dated June 23, 1940 and the headline read "Coast Leaders Warn All Citizens Are Periled By The Schneiderman Verdict". This has reference to the government suit asking for revocation of the citizenship of SCHNEIDERMAN on the grounds that he was a member of the Communist Party. According to the records of Lieutenant MAKE MILLS the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in May, 1941 affirmed the United States District Court in the revocation of the citizenship of the subject.

The foregoing is a confirmation of information already known to the office of origin as reflected by the reference report. Lieutenant MILLS further advised that very likely the subject has been through Chicago a number of times but there is no record of his ever having been interested in Communist activities in Chicago.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO. 97-10

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 7/23/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/17/41	REPORT MADE BY J. R. CALHOUN
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases Velvel Schneiderman, Bill Schneiderman, Bill Smithley, W. J. WILLIAMS, B. L. Williams.		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH, Dallas, Texas, is an insurance salesman and formerly worked in Denver, Colorado, and Emporia, Kansas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. D. MEHEGAN, Chicago, dated June 27, 1941.
Report of R. C. TAYLOR, San Francisco, May 29, 1941

DETAILS:

For the benefit of the Kansas City Field Division, it is stated that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secretary of the Communist Party in California, and that a cover was placed on all mail going to this person or to others to 1550 9th Avenue or to 121 Haight Street in San Francisco. As a result of the same, a letter postmarked Dallas, Texas, on March 25, 1941, was addressed to IDELL WILLIAMS at 1302 Taylor Street, San Francisco, California. The letter was forwarded on order 37B to 1550 9th Avenue, San Francisco. The letter bore the return address VICKLANDRITH, 3004 Douglas Street, Dallas, Texas. The San Francisco Field Division requested the Dallas Office to determine the identity, background, and activities of this person.

This case was assigned to the Dallas Police Department for investigation and report was rendered reading as follows:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		APPROVED AND FORWARDED 7/26/41 26 1941 <i>[Handwritten signatures and initials over the stamp]</i>			
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DALLAS 97-10

J. R. CALHOUN

7/23/41

"Wick Landrith, true name Garland Victor Landrith former address 3004 Douglas now lives at 2622 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cedar Springs Avenue. He is described as being 27 years old, weighing 200 pounds, 6 feet tall, blonde hair slightly bald, fair complexion and of German nationality. Landrith is an insurance man being now employed by the American National Insurance Company in Dallas. He has been at this place for about a week formerly employed by the Rio Grande National Insurance Company in Dallas. His social security number is 512-01-0080 and he has received his selective service questionnaire. Landrith was educated at Buffalo High School, Buffalo Kans. in 1931 and 1934, and also took a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years course in Business Administration at Kansas State Teachers College. Landrith speaks English, Latin and French. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belonged to the country club in Denver Colo. We were unable to locate his birthplace but his people live somewhere in Kansas, mother and a brother names unknown living in that State. He has a married sister name unknown, who works for some candy company in Ft. Worth, Texas. He has one son [redacted] age [redacted] years.

"Mary Margaret Landrith, 2622 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cedar Springs, wife of the subject is described as being 28 years old, 105 pounds, 5 feet 2 inches tall, dark hair and dark complexion, is of German nationality and was born in Kansas City, Mo. Her father name unknown is said to live in Grandview, Mo.

"We talked to James M. Sheppard, 3921 Cedar Springs, Owner of a grocery store at this address. Sheppard said that Landrith lived with him at 2914 Reagan for about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months but he never had the occasion to talk with him much and had never heard him express his views on the war situation in Europe. He also stated that Landrith was very close-mouthed never having much to say on any subject.

"We received further information from R. W. Baxter, Pres. Rio Grande National Insurance Company, who stated that Landrith came to Dallas from Austin, Texas, where he was employed as a salesman by Ora Asepti for about three months. Prior to this he was in

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Denver Colo. as a partner in a motor car business, the Sprigg Auto Co. Prior to this he was connected with John Kandt Gro. Co. in Emporia Kans for 3 years. Sheppard also said that he used to travel around a lot in Kansas when he was in the used car business at Denver, Colo. He was usually buying cars on these trips.

"We talked to H. L. Terrill, 3603 Gillespie, phone 58-4552 who was Landrith's supervisor, at the Rio Grande National Insurance Company, Terrill says that Landrith keeps rather late hours but thinks he is running around with women. He said that he does not think that Landrith is all right but has never heard him make any statements against the United States or for Germany and has always expressed himself as being in favor of the United States. He also stated that he is very close mouthed having very little to say, and that he was usually over drawn on pay day but never seemed to have any money. Landrith left the employment of the Rio Grande National Insurance Company about a week ago to go to work for the American National Insurance Co.

"Landrith as far as we have been able to ascertain owns neither a car nor any other property."

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J. R. CALHOUN

7/23/41

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

At Denver, Colorado, will ascertain any additional information as to the background of VIC LANDRITH, who was a partner in a motor car business known as the Sprigg Auto Company.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Emporia, Kansas, will learn the background of LANDRITH from the Kansas State Teachers College and from officials of the John Kandt Grocery Company.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO. 97-12

REPORT MADE AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA	DATE WHEN MADE 7-22-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-14-41	REPORT MADE BY T. F. McCARTY EC
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases Vovel Schneiderman, Bill Schneiderman, Bill Smithley, W. J. Williams, E. L. Williams.	CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

City Directory reveals occupant of 533 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Ariz. to be Communist Party of Arizona.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. C. TAYLOR, at San Francisco, California, dated May 29, 1941.

DETAILS: AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

A search of the City Directory of Phoenix, Arizona, revealed that the building at 533 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona, is occupied by the Communist Party of Arizona.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 6, 1941.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Taylor, dated May 29, 1941, at San Francisco, in the case entitled, "William Schneiderman, with aliases - Registration Act," San Francisco origin, wherein a lead is set out for this office to determine the occupant of Room 902 at 617 North Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For the information of the San Francisco Office, Room 902, 617 North Second Street, is the headquarters of the Communist Party of District 18, and all the occupants thereof are on the Custodial Detention List of this office.

Accordingly, no investigation is being conducted by this office, and this case is considered Ruc'd.

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor
Special Agent in Charge

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CUSTODIAL DETENTION MEMORANDUM

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, w/as
Velvel Schneiderman, Bill
Schneiderman, Bill Smithley,
W. J. Williams.

COMMUNIST

S.F. File 97-26

lls.

Citizenship status: Naturalized citizen, born Runov, Russia,
August 1, 1905, according to his own statement.

Citizenship certificate
number:

2608994 (Citizenship revoked by U. S. District Court at San Francisco, California, July 23, 1940. Decision upheld by Circuit Court of appeals, San Francisco, California, April 28, 1941. Appeal pending United States Supreme Court.

Business Residence: 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California.

Home Address: 1550 9th Avenue, Apartment 3, San Francisco, California.

Nationalistic
tendencies:

Subject is a Russian-Communist; is State Secretary of the Communist Party in California. (Source: His own statements made under oath in connection with his trial for revocation of his citizenship in the United States District Court at San Francisco, California, number 21257-R).

In the course of this proceeding subject has admitted his membership in and connection with the Communist Party over a period of many years. For this reason, a lengthy summary of his activities over that period is not being prepared in the connection with this memorandum. Complete details regarding his activities may be obtained by reference to San Francisco file 97-26, title, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, w/as, REGISTRATION ACT, San Francisco Office of Origin.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Kansas City, Missouri	8-26-41	8-23-41	F. P. POLLNER
TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE		
<u>WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN with aliases; ETAL</u>	OS REGISTRATION ACT		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas, reflect GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH attended only three months of school, receiving no credit. Unable locate any such firm as John Kandt Grocery Company. Check of other schools and credit Bureau and Police Department fails to reveal any information concerning LANDRITH. Mr. HAROLD REBLER advised LANDRITH resided at the Sutton Funeral Home for approximately two years.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN, Dallas, Texas, 7-23-41.

DETAILS: - At Emporia, Kansas -

Miss FRANCES SMITH, Secretary to the Registrar, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas, advised the records of that office reflect that GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH entered that school in September 1934 and remained through December 19, 1934 at which time he withdrew, receiving no credit. The record reflects that LANDRITH was born January, 1914 at Buffalo, Kansas, and that he graduated from the Buffalo, Kansas High School in 1931. The record further discloses that LANDRITH is a member of the Methodist Church.

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and that his father is Mr. THOMAS ARCH LANDRITH, Buffalo, Kansas, and his mother is Mrs. IRENE LANDRITH, Topeka, Kansas. The record also reflected that GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH had attended Independence, Kansas Junior College, Independence, Kansas from January 13, 1933 to May 18, 1934 and that while at that school failed Elementary French twice.

The records of the Registrar's Office further disclose that another party by the name of THOMAS ARCH LANDRITH, JR., both September 17, 1917, attended school at that institution from the Summer of 1935 through June 1937, having graduated from the Buffalo, Kansas High School in 1935 and who lists his parents to be the same as GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH. The record shows this individual's credits were transferred to Oklahoma University in 1937.

Mr. HAROLD REBLER, Manager of the Rebler-Wood Funeral Home, advised he remembered GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH when he worked for him at said funeral home, which at that time was known as the Sutton Funeral Home. Mr. REBLER stated that his impression was that LANDRITH was attending school during the period he worked at the Funeral Home at night, being there merely for the purpose of answering the telephone and receiving late calls. Mr. REBLER advised he did not know of LANDRITH working anywhere else in town but it was possible he might have done so as he did not have to do any work around the Funeral Home during the day and if he was not attending school he might have been working for some other concern. Mr. REBLER advised he considered LANDRITH to be a very high type individual who could always be relied upon, and to his knowledge he did not know of LANDRITH ever having any un-American or subversive tendencies.

Dr. MILLER, Dean of the College of Emporia, and WILLARD JOHNSON, owner and operator of Emporia Business College, both advised a search of their respective records failed to disclose any record of GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH having attended their schools.

Miss BLANCHE FULLMER, Bookkeeper and Operator of the Lyons County Credit Bureau, Emporia, Kansas advised her files did not reflect any record for GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH but there was a record for a T. A. LANDRITH, JR., which reflected he was

attending Emporia State Teachers College in 1936 and 1937; that he had transferred to the Oklahoma University Law School at Norman, Oklahoma in 1937. Miss FULLMER advised that she had never heard of any such firm as the John Kandt Grocery Company and did not believe there was ever any such company operating in Emporia, Kansas. Miss FULLMER telephonically contacted Mr. CHARLES BERGERHAUSE of the Poehler Mercantile Company, which is the largest firm of this type in this section of Kansas, who advised he had never heard of any such firm as the John Kandt Grocery Company and was positive no such firm had ever operated out of Emporia, Kansas.

Mr. FRANK VALLENBOISE, Chief of Police, Emporia, Kansas, advised a search of the records of his Department disclosed no mention of GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at Independence,
Kansas will learn the background of LANDRITH at the Independence
Junior College.

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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 9-6-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-3,4-41	REPORT MADE BY H. E. WILSON OS
TITLE <u>WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN with aliases; ETAL</u>	CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records at Independence Junior College, Independence, Kansas, reflect GARLAND V. LANDRITH attended September 1932 to May 1934, grades poor. During this period lived with uncle, GARLAND S. LANDRITH, Cherryvale, Kansas; married MARY MARGARET LEBERT, Cherryvale, Kansas; thereafter employed undetermined length of time at store operated by uncle at Lawrence, Kansas. No indication of radical activity during this period.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. P. POLLNER,
Kansas City, 8-26-41.

DETAILS: - At Independence, Kansas -

Miss GEORGIA LEE LOCKRELL, Registrar, Independence Junior College, advised the records of that institution reflect GARLAND V. LANDRITH entered in September, 1932, attended two years leaving in May 1934. She stated he failed to graduate from Junior College and twice failed in Elementary French; also failed in Chemistry Qualitative Analysis. She stated the record reflects his transcript was sent to the Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas; that his home was given as Buffalo, Kansas. His

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mother is Mrs. IRENE LANDRITH. He was born January 31, 1914. She stated no disciplinary action was taken while he attended this school. She related at the time LANDRITH attended school she was also a student and was in several classes with LANDRITH. She advised he was very quiet and appeared to be a normal young man. She knew nothing derogatory about him and at that time there was no indication that he had radical tendencies.

Mr. E. R. STEVENS, Dean of the Junior College, stated he recalled LANDRITH; that LANDRITH also had a sister who attended Junior College - JESSIE who is now Mrs. LEONARD STATTS and resides in Fort Worth, Texas. He stated LANDRITH appeared to be an average normal boy and at the time there was no indication he had any radical tendencies. He related LANDRITH lived with his uncle in Cherryvale and commuted from Cherryvale to Independence daily.

Mr. CLAUDE MILLER, Independence Credit Bureau, advised the records of that office show that GARLAND V. LANDRITH lived at Cherryvale about 1933 with his uncle, GARLAND S. LANDRITH; attended school and was employed by his uncle in the grocery business. The records further show LANDRITH married MARY MARGARET LEBERT, of Cherryvale. Mr. MILLER advised his records reflected GARLAND S. LANDRITH is 45 years of age and is presently operator of Landrith Fine Food Stores and was formerly manager of the Zink Grocery Company, Cherryvale, Kansas. The records reflected Mr. GARLAND S. LANDRITH is a highly respected business man with an excellent credit rating.

- At Cherryvale, Kansas -

LOUIS RORICK, Merchants Credit Exchange, advised he was personally acquainted with LANDRITH from 1932 to 1934, at which time LANDRITH lived at Cherryvale with his uncle, GARLAND S. LANDRITH. He advised LANDRITH married Miss MARY MARGARET LEBERT, of Cherryvale, whose aunt, Miss Mary Lebert operates Lebert's Ready-to-Wear store in Cherryvale. He stated GARLAND S. LANDRITH is a highly respected business man, is on the Board of Education and is a church leader, and that the LEBERT family is highly respected and long time residents of Cherryvale. He advised he knows of no radical tendencies on the part of any member of the LEBERT or LANDRITH families and at the time he knew LANDRITH he appeared to have no radical tendencies. He recalled LANDRITH left Cherryvale

about 1934 when Mr. GARLAND S. LANDRITH moved to Lawrence, Kansas, and advised that there Mr. GARLAND S. LANDRITH opened a grocery store and he is of the opinion GARLAND V. LANDRITH was employed at this store for two or three years.

- At Lawrence, Kansas -

Mrs. JESSIE KNOTCH, Business Men's Credit Exchange, advised she had no record of a GARLAND V. LANDRITH. The records at this office reflect GARLAND S. LANDRITH has an excellent credit rating and is held in high regard by the people of the town.

Chief of Police JUDE ANDERSON advised he has no record of GARLAND V. LANDRITH and is not personally acquainted with him. He stated GARLAND S. LANDRITH is a respectable business man of Lawrence and has no radical tendencies to his knowledge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
September 12, 1941

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REGISTERED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, w.a.
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a custodial detention card relating to

William Schneiderman
187 19th Avenue or 101 Gough Street
San Francisco, California

for appropriate and expeditious attention in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE

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DEAR FRIEND:

You are cordially invited to attend the next People's World Forum which is featuring a special program with a national speaker on the topic, "The United States and the War Against Hitlerism."

Our Forum Committee has been fortunate in securing Elizabeth Gurley Flynn for this occasion. Miss Flynn is widely known throughout the nation, and especially on the Pacific Coast, because of her activities in the labor movement and in defense of civil rights. During her last visit here, in 1940, she was received with great enthusiasm in the trade unions at which she spoke — the A.F.L Machinists No. 68, A.F.L. Miscellaneous Local No. 110, and at the forum of the C.I.O. Marine Cooks and Stewards. She is, at present, Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder. Her knowledge of national and international affairs, as well as her ability as an orator, equip her admirably to discuss America's role in the fight against Hitlerism.

Mr. John Pittman, radio news commentator and foreign editor of the People's World, will also appear on the program.

This meeting will take place on Friday evening, September 19th, at 8:00 p.m., at Eagles Hall, 273 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. We look forward to having you with us on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

PEOPLES WORLD FORUM COMMITTEE

583 Market Street

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THE AMERICAN TAX PAYER IS SPENDING
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POWER.

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San Francisco, California
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE
REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

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The above informant was interviewed by the writer on the above date for general information regarding certain individuals in the Communist Party and with a view to determining the character of information he would be able to secure in the event he could be persuaded to give to agents of this Bureau everything he has regarding the high persons and confidential contacts of the Party.

When asked what he knew regarding the contacts between the Communist Party of the USA and the government of USSR, [redacted]

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RE: ISAAC FOLKOFF
100-1346

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[redacted] He stated he does not believe he used [redacted] a Post Office box for the reason that when he was in the party, it frowned on the use of them. It rather suggested the use of [redacted] ADAMSFIELD OFFICE having mail delivered to the city of San Francisco through relays, i.e., [redacted] mailing from New York to Kansas City to San Francisco.

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RE: ROSE ISAACS
100-1146

In discussing with informant the identity of persons in this country contacting for the CP of USA~~k~~ persons representing the government of USSR, he stated that the above woman was formerly the secretary of the FRIENDS OF SOVIET RUSSIA and a member of the Communist Party in this country. He stated that for some time, she had living with her and her son [redacted] in her home in Sausalito, an AMTORG representative, who made frequent trips to Moscow under diplomatic passport. He stated that he knows this person carried moneys and messages from Moscow to this country. He stated he cannot recall his name, but that he believes he can, in time, either recall it or find it among papers in his home.

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RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
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In discussing certain high CP officials with him with a view of obtaining from information on them as to whether they might be possible informant material, agent discussed the above subject. Regarding him, informant said that SCHNEIDERMAN was virtually raised from childhood in the Communist movement and described his loyalty for it by saying that he would "cut his hand off for the movement."

RE: STEVE NELSON
100-2696

Regarding this individual, he stated he was not so sure of his loyalty to the party. He stated that he is apparently a very sincere person, but that he is not as strict a personal disciplinarian of himself in his party work. In explaining, he stated that SCHNEIDERMAN never indulged in liquor or other similar recreations to excess, but that NELSON was known to him to in the habit of going on short, but quite violent drinking bouts and to have many loose relations with various women. Knows the local set-up, such as section and branch heads. Not as experienced as SCHNEIDERMAN.

RE: SAM DARCY
100-2110

Regarding this subject, he described his nature as somewhat similar to NELSON, but added that for the next few years he will have to remain somewhat in the background as far as the party is concerned.

R. E. MAYER
SPECIAL AGENT

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NH FILE NO. 97-16 am

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/23/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/9 & 15/41	REPORT MADE BY H. W. McMILLIEN
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, WAS. Velvel Schneiderman, Bill Schneiderman, Bill Smithley, W. J. Williams, B. J. Williams		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		Danbury and Hartford Connecticut Police Departments report no positive information on Subject as a Communist organizer for Connecticut in 1930, stating only that Subject spoke at a local political rally about ten years ago.	
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REFERENCE:	Report of Special Agent R. C. Taylor, San Francisco, California, May 29, 1941.		
DETAILS:	The following information was received as a result of inquiries made of both the Danbury and Hartford Connecticut Police Departments concerning the Subject who was alleged to be active as a Communist leader in the State of Connecticut during the year of 1930.		
Information received from the Hartford Police Department was to the effect that no contacts or leads had been developed to positively identify the Subject as active in Hartford in 1930. No criminal record appeared against the Subject at Hartford.			
The following information was received from the Danbury Police Department:			
"Have checked various channels in re WILLIAM SCHEIDERMAN, alias Velvel Schneiderman but find that one person recalls him being here some ten years ago, at which time he spoke at the American			
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Vespucci Hall, Elm Street, our city, on what he recalled was a political rally; that at the time he recalled SCHEIDERMAN was having some difficulty in getting his citizen papers but has not heard from him since. Will endeavor to get more information which will be forwarded to you at once."

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

Will report further information received from the Danbury Police Department on this Subject and will report reply of the New Haven Police Department when received.

SCHNEIDERMAN WINS REVIEW BY COURT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP).—The supreme court agreed today to review litigation which would open the way for a straightforward ruling on whether the communist party advocates violent overthrow of the United States government.

The tribunal granted an appeal by William Schneiderman, state secretary of the communist party for California and a native of Russia.

REVIEW S. F. RULING

He sought a review of a decision by the Federal District Court at San Francisco canceling his American citizenship on the ground that membership in the communist party had been concealed.

Whether communist membership prevented allegiance to the United States government was the principal issue.

This was one of more than 350 cases acted upon today at the first session of the new term devoted to transacting business. These were among the controversies that accumulated during the four month summer recess.

AFFECTS BRIDGES

The Schneiderman controversy commanded attention in view of the possibility that a decision might affect deportation proceedings pending against Harry Bridges, west coast C. I. O. leader.

A Justice Department trial examiner has recommended that Bridges be deported to Australia as a communist and undesirable alien.

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Cooks Turn

NMU Down

West Coast Sailor
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Vote Not To Join CP-NMU

After working frantically to derail the West Coast Marine Cooks into the NMU through a three-months secret ballot, the Communist Party suffered one of its most devastating defeats when the results of the ballots showed the Cooks turning down affiliation with the NMU by a decisive margin. The Communist Party will have a hard time to recover from this blow which came so shortly after the one they suffered in the Marine Firemen's balloting on the same question.

In spite of the ballyhoo, intimidation and the large corps of organizers the Party had out here to lead the campaign, the West Coast Cooks met the challenge successfully.

Hopes of the National Maritime Union to move in on the West Coast have never fallen so low as they have now. Once more the West Coast Seamen have rejected the trojan horse attack of the Communist Party and it is a good indication of dire things to happen within the NMU itself as far as the C. P. leadership there is concerned.

Although the results of the Cooks' balloting has not been officially released, the reports that affiliation with the NMU has been rejected are based on the most reliable sources. The Party will undoubtedly try to squeeze out of this humiliating defeat but it is doubtful if the wide awake opposition will let them get by with it. More will be reported later.

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TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, alias Velvel Schneiderman, Bill Schneiderman, Bill Smithley, W. J. Williams, R. J. Williams		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Danbury, Conn., Police Department advise unable to secure further information regarding subject. New Haven, Conn., Police Department, advised subject arrested, New Haven, 12/19/30 for breach of peace. No indication subject ever appeared before Board of Alderman. No indication of Communist connections.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. W. McMILLEN, New Haven, September 23, 1941.

DETAILS: The New Haven office by letter dated September 23, 1941, requested Chief of Police William D. Henry of the Danbury, Connecticut, Police Department, to conduct additional investigation in an effort to secure further information regarding subject. By letter dated September 25, 1941, Chief of Police HENRY advised that he had been unable to obtain any more definite information regarding subject than had been previously furnished this office. In reply to a request, Captain RAY EAGAN, Detective Bureau, New Haven, Connecticut, Police Department, furnished the following information, on September 4, 1941:

"The above subject is not listed in our City Directory nor as a voter. On checking our Police Records I find one WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN of 10 Waverly St. arrested December 19th, 1930 for General Breach of

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Peace; 36 years old, American, blue eyes, fair complexion, brown hair.

"I checked with one HARRY WATSTEIN an Attorney in this city who has defended the Communist on a few occasions and he does not know of this subject. I also checked with Miss ANNE CULLOM of the City Clerks Office who went through the minutes of the Board of Alderman for September 16th, 1930 and this subject was never forced to appear before that board. She further stated that this meeting was on the 15th of September instead of the 16th."

In view of the fact that information in this district does not indicate any definite communist activities on the part of the subject, no further investigation is being conducted by the New Haven office in this matter.

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FILE NO. 97-25

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 10/24/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/7, 8, 10, 11/41	REPORT MADE BY HENRY L. TICK <i>MR.</i>
TITLE WILLIAM SCHMELLMAN, with aliases		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

G. V. LANDRITH, formerly employed at Spriggs Auto Co., Denver, Colo. in 1937 and 1938 as filling station attendant and quit later to take job as used car salesman. Persons interviewed advised LANDRITH is smooth talker, good salesman, has no real personal friends, not known to belong to any organizations and believed to be the type of person who would do practically anything for money.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN, dated at Dallas, Texas, 7/25/41.

DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

ALTON U. SPRIGG, 2351 Colfax Avenue, advised that GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH worked for him as a filling station attendant in 1937 and 1938, and that during this time LANDRITH attempted also to sell used cars and it was necessary to let him go in view of the fact that LANDRITH was not giving the best service.

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filling station the proper amount of attention. He stated that LANDRITH was married to a young girl who he believed to be a Mexican and had one child.

He advised that during the time LANDRITH was employed at the filling station he never heard LANDRITH make any statements indicating communistic or un-American tendencies, and that he does not believe LANDRITH had many friends as LANDRITH had not lived in Denver but a very short period of time.

He advised that in regard to LANDRITH's honesty, he did not believe that LANDRITH was an honest individual although he was never able to catch LANDRITH doing anything shady. He advised that LANDRITH seemed to be a smooth talker and to have a fairly good education. Mr. SPRIGG informed that DURWOOD ESTES might be able to furnish further information concerning LANDRITH's friends and activities while in Denver, Colorado.

DURWOOD ESTES was also contacted at the Sprigg Auto Company and he advised that he had never heard subject mention anything which would indicate that subject was communistically inclined, nor had he ever heard anyone mention that they had heard LANDRITH make any statements indicating communistic tendencies or un-American ideas.

He advised that LANDRITH was a very intelligent person, a smooth talker, and the type of individual who would do practically anything for money. He advised that he worked for LANDRITH as a used car salesman at 6th and Broadway and that LANDRITH would tell customers who purchased used cars that he would fix them up in case anything should go wrong within a certain period, but that LANDRITH never fulfilled his promises although a number of customers did return with the used cars.

In regard to the associates of LANDRITH, Mr. ESTES informed that inasmuch as LANDRITH had not resided in Denver, Colorado, except for a short period of time, he did not have any real personal friends and that the only persons he ever observed LANDRITH associating with were those who hung around the used car lot at 6th and Broadway. He advised that he does not believe that LANDRITH belonged to any organizations in Denver,

Colorado, and that although as mentioned above subject seemed to be the type that would do practically anything for money, he believes he is probably a good American.

Mr. ESTES informed that Mr. BENNY ORLAND, 6th and Broadway, who was associated with LANDRITH in the used car business, might be able to furnish additional information concerning statements and activities while in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. BENNY ORLAND, 575 Broadway, advised that he was not in the used car business with GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH, but that they shared the lot at 575 Broadway together and divided the rent. He stated that LANDRITH was on the lot from December 2, 1938, until sometime in July, 1939. He advised that LANDRITH was a smooth talker, a good salesman and seemed to be out "to beat everybody", and that since LANDRITH had left Denver, Colorado for some unknown point, there had been an average of two inquiries a week from people in Denver, Colorado, attempting to locate LANDRITH for bills he had incurred while in Denver.

He advised that he had talked to LANDRITH on numerous occasions and had never heard him mention anything which would indicate that LANDRITH was communistically inclined or un-American in his sympathies. In regard to the associates of LANDRITH, Mr. ORLAND informed that LANDRITH was only in Denver for a short time and did not seem to have any personal friends and that the only associates to his knowledge that LANDRITH had were those who hung around the used car lot. He further advised that he does not believe that LANDRITH belonged to any organizations or groups while in Denver, Colorado. He further advised that outside of LANDRITH's lust for money he believed him to be a good American.

BERT B. MORRISON, Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, Colorado, advised that his records reflect that subject on May 22, 1939, was thirty-two years of age, married, with one child, and was in business at 575 Broadway, residence 1360 York Street; former address 10th and Acoma Streets. Mr. MORRISON stated that LANDRITH was in the used car business and that during this period an account for collection was brought against him by the Collection Service Bureau for \$121.00. A report of March, 1940, reflected further that LANDRITH had left Denver, Colorado, for an unknown destination; that a number of business firms in Denver, Colorado, were attempting to locate subject for past due accounts. He stated

that Davis and Shaw, a Furniture Company, in September, 1938, had repossessed his furniture and that the Capitol Credit Corporation, Sherman and Colfax Streets, was presently looking for him for accounts on cars which had been financed for him. He stated the last known address of LANDRITH was Chicago, Illinois, however, that they had not been able to obtain an address there.

GEORGE DECKVERMITT, Identification Division of the Denver Police Department, advised that his records failed to reflect a criminal record or arrest record on GARLAND VICTOR LANDRITH.

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CIO Backs Schneiderman Contra Costa Council Scores Persecution Of Communist Chief

MARTINEZ, Aug. 18. — William Schneiderman's right to citizenship was defended by a formal resolution passed by the Contra Costa County CIO Industrial Union Council and made public today.

"It is our belief that Mr. Schneiderman followed the proper legal procedure in securing his citizenship, and that his conviction in the lower courts was not the result of regular judicial procedure but prejudice against him because he is a leader in the Communist Party," the central body of the industrial unions of one of the main industrial areas around San Francisco Bay declared.

"We understand that the prosecution of the government's case against a Communist sets a dangerous precedent for equal looseness in the applying of it against other minorities under different circumstances, and we therefore protest the prosecution as a danger to the rights of millions of naturalized citizens of this country," the council resolved.

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The resolution is addressed to "Acting Attorney General of the United States." It takes cognizance of the probability that the U. S. Supreme Court will rule on a writ of certiorari (a charge of errors made by the prosecution) in its fall term. The resolution and letter to the attorney-general are signed by L. C. Whiting, secretary treasurer of [redacted] who gained personal knowledge of FBI persecution when his brother recently beat an attempted frameup for "threatening the President" by letters protesting anti-labor policies.

The council also resolved to protest the discharge of Helen Miller from the U. S. Department of Labor for alleged membership in organizations headed by alleged Communists, but really, the council believes, in a move to smash the CIO United Federal Workers of America.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAN FRANCISCO

FILE NO. 65-66

REPORT MADE AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	DATE WHEN MADE 11-7-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-9, 10-22, 29-41	REPORT MADE BY T. W. DERRIN
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, With Aliases VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN BILL SMITHLEY, W. J. WILLIAMS, B. J. WILLIAMS		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No definite information ascertained concerning the residence of 1315 Queen Avenue North or 1610 Oak Park Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dakota County Court Docket reflects WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN had charges filed against him in November, 1933, for obstructing public highway, which charge was subsequently dismissed in January, 1934. No Police Department record. Received 4,807 votes when Communist candidate for Governor in 1932. Sources of information could give no definite information concerning SCHNEIDERMAN'S activities. - RUC - </p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. TAYLOR at San Francisco, California, dated 5-29-41. Report of Special Agent A. D. MEHEGAN at Chicago, Illinois, dated 6-27-41.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: ISADORE SCHEIDER is the owner of the residence located at 1315 Queen Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is listed in the directory as operating a grocery store at 261 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. MRS. PHILLIP TUPPER, 1313 Queen Avenue North, who is a next-door neighbor to ISADORE SCHEIDER, gave the writer the following information. She said that ISADORE SCHEIDER had lived at his present place of residence for about twenty years and that she knew the SCHEIDER'S quite well and that they were industrious people. She stated that </p>			
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she believed that Mr. ISADORE SCHEIDER'S daughter had married WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and that ISADORE SCHEIDER had a son, a young man (age unknown), by the name of [redacted] Mrs. TUPPER could not give any further information concerning the activities of her neighbors, the SCHEIDER'S.

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MRS. ROSE SHAPIRO, 1614 Oak Park North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was interviewed and she related the following information. She said that her next-door neighbor living at 1610 Oak Park North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was a MORRIS SHAGOWITZ and that she had known him and his family for about twenty-eight years and that she considered him a very loyal citizen and that she did not know of anyone by the name of HARRY SHAGOUTZ. MRS. SHAPIRO felt certain that the SHAGOWITZS had never taken any boarders. Mrs. SHAPIRO stated that she could not give any additional information. She stated that she would probably know as much about MORRIS SHAGOWITZ as anyone. She stated that MR. SHAGOWITZ ran a tailor shop in Minneapolis and that he was a man of about sixty-five years of age.

Chief of Police LOUIS FULLER of South St. Paul, Minnesota, gave the following information to the writer. He stated that in 1933 the Armour Packing Company had a series of labor troubles and that RED KARSON, NORMAN HOROWITZ AND WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN were three Communistic leaders of the strike; that after about a month of activity which was led by the three named alleged Communists, the workers got tired of the leadership of these people and WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN left South St. Paul after about a month. He stated that he remembers arresting WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN who was charged with obstructing a public highway. SCHNEIDERMAN was not prosecuted and as has been stated, he left South St. Paul very soon after his arrest. The arrest occurred while SCHNEIDERMAN was urging workers to picket the Armour Plant. Police Chief FULLER stated that he had no record of the arrest and that they did not fingerprint WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

A check was made at the Dakota County Court House and the Dakota County Court Docket read as follows: #6243-C. State against WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, NORMAN HOROWITZ and MORRIS KARSON--charge filed November 24, 1933, for obstructing the public highway--dismissed January 26, 1934.

JOE ALENCICH, a source of information, 332 South Concord Street, South St. Paul, Minnesota, who was a striker in 1933 at the Armour Company

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Plant was interviewed by the writer, and he stated that he knew SCHNEIDERMAN had come from California and he believed he was a Communist. He stated he did not know that he was one for sure, but that his actions indicated that he was. ALENICK stated that he knew that the real reason SCHNEIDERMAN left South St. Paul, Minnesota, is because the rank and file workers became disgusted with his labor methods.

JOHN MILLER, 906 North Concord Street, South St. Paul, a source of information and a strike leader and picketer in the 1933 Armour Packing Company strike, stated that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was an Organizer for the Packing House Workers Organizing Committee of the C. I. O. and that he believed SCHNEIDERMAN was a Communist for the reason that his associates MORRY S. KARSON and NORMAN HOROWITZ were Communists and that the supporters of SCHNEIDERMAN were Communists, and that the literature published during the strike was of a familiar Communist brand. Mr. MILLER could not give any definite information and his remarks were based upon his belief.

The records of the Secretary of State of Minnesota were checked and they showed that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN had received 4,807 votes for Governor when he ran on the Communist Party ticket in 1932.

A check was made at the St. Paul Police Department, and WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN had no record there.

GOVERNOR HAROLD E. STASSEN of the State of Minnesota was interviewed and he stated that he was County Attorney for Dakota County in 1933 and that he remembers ordering WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN'S arrest for obstructing the public highway and that he did not prosecute the case further but had the case dismissed after SCHNEIDERMAN had left South St. Paul, Minnesota.

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San Francisco, California
November 7, 1941

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.,
13TH DISTRICT;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Dear Sir:

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that four of the most prominent Communists in this Field Division will be in Los Angeles on the week-end of November 7 and 8, 1941 and possibly longer. b7E

Inasmuch as they apparently will all be there at the same time it is thought advisable that the Los Angeles Office be advised of their presence there. The individuals who will be there are set out below with brief identification:

HARRY KRAMER, Business Manager, People's World Newspaper.
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California State Secretary Communist Party
STEVE NELSON, San Francisco County Secretary Communist Party
LEO BAROWAY, Functionary at Party headquarters, San Francisco.

In addition to the above informant advised that ELLA CUTLER, functionary at headquarters indicated she might possibly go and if she did, would drive.

KRAMER left on November 6, 1941; SCHNEIDERMAN and NELSON are leaving San Francisco on the noon daylight train of the Southern Pacific which will arrive in Los Angeles at 9:40 P.M. LEO BAROWAY indicated to informant of this office that he is leaving San Francisco for Los Angeles on November 9, 1941.

SCHNEIDERMAN made reservations in Car 21, Seats 30 and 32. Confidential Informant [redacted] indicated he was going with NELSON but another Informant advised that he was not certain whether SCHNEIDERMAN made reservations for himself and another man or himself and another woman. b7E

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To: [REDACTED]
From: SAC, San Francisco
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, 13th
Dist.; INT. SEC. - C.

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It is not requested that the Los Angeles Office maintain any surveillance on any of these individuals. This information is transmitted in the event the Los Angeles Office deems it advisable to consider surveillance in the event they receive information there is a large concentration of high party functionaries in that city.

Descriptions of NELSON and SCHNEIDERMAN will be found in copies of reports on those individuals from this Division, which have been forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,

R/L
N. J. L. PIEPER,
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
November 10, 1941

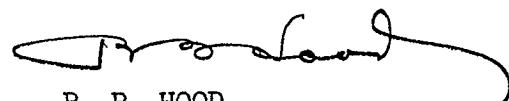
Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - LOS
ANGELES AREA.
INTERNAL SECURITY (R) (CP)

Dear Sir:

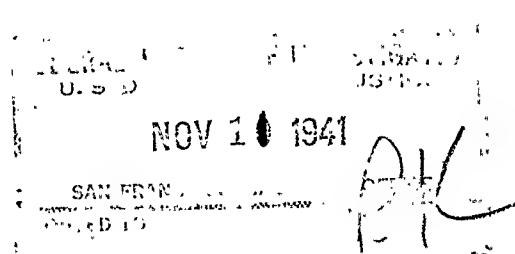
Kindly be advised that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is departing from Los Angeles at 8:00 P.M., the night of November 10, 1941, on the Southern Pacific train, for San Francisco. He is taking an upper berth and made the reservation under the name of Mr. SHERMAN.

Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

DWM:GLB
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AIRMAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY



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1. Photostatic copy of the report of the Deputy Collector of Internal revenue, San Francisco, California, dated August 28, 1941, Rec'd 11/18/41.
2. Photostatic copy of letter dated August 28, 1941, signed by G.R.ANDERSON. Received November 18, 1941.
3. Selective Service Questionnaire. Received June 23, 1941.
4. Mail tracings for 121 Haight Street. *Dashed*
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5. Mimeographed report entitled the CASE OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN dated January 2, 1942 and printed in the ARGONAUT. Rec'd February, 1942.
6. Notice of Lenin Memorial Meeting at the Serbian Hall-225 Valencia Street on January 30, 1942 at 8 p.m. Rec'd February, 1942.
7. Photostatic copy of letter dated February 11, 1942 bearing the handwriting of Subject. Rec'd March, 1942.
8. Photostatic copy of APPLICATION FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP, bearing the handwriting of Subject. Rec'd March, 1942.
9. Mimeographed notice of picnic with William SCHNEIDERMAN as Speaker on May 10, sponsored by Independence Club of Oroville. Rec'd May, 1942 Sent from 1941 Montgomery Street, Oroville, California to S.W. MacDonald of Westwood California.
10. Mail tracings of Emma Cutler, R. Lambert, Lil Dinkin, Louise Todd, Leo Baroway, and Wm. Schneiderman, all of 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California. Received from Nov. 10 to Dec. 22, 1942.
destroyed 1-15-48 JMK
11. Mail tracings on Leo Baroway, and Louise Todd, of 121 Haight, San Francisco, California. Received January 18, 1943.
12. Mail tracings on Mr. Rudy Lambert, Wm. Schneiderman, Leo Baroway, and Communist Party, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, Calif. Rec'd 3-6-43.
13. Mail tracings on Wm. Schneiderman, Communist Party, Leo Baroway, Louise Todd, all of 121 Haight St., San Francisco, Calif. Received March 10 and 11, 1943.
14. Mail tracing on Lil Dinken, Louise Todd, Rudy Lambert, and Communist Party, all of 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California. Rec'd. 3-16-43.
15. Mail tracing on Strack, ___, 121 Haight St. San Francisco, California. Received March 25, 1943.
16. Photostatic copy On the Citizenship Case of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. Filed August 6, 1943. mb
17. Two photostatic copies of handwriting specimens of subject, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. Filed 7/25/47.

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Feb. 11th, 1938

Gentlemen:

I am petitioning to be exempt from Military Training and Physical Education, for, since I am classed as a resident, having declared my intention to become a citizen, I am not yet a citizen, and those grounds I claim exemption.

My reasons for claiming exemption are, that I am working my own way thru' college, and the addition of those two subjects, at the hours given, to my course, make it impossible for me to continue to work at the position which is supporting my expenses, and I will be forced to discontinue my college education, unless I can be exempted from those two subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Schneiderman

Certified by my employer

SIMON LEV COMPANY

[Handwritten signature]

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January 25, 1942

To all Counties

Dear Comrades:

For your information, the hearing before the United States Supreme Court on the Schneiderman case will probably take place early in March. Resolutions from organizations are still coming in to the office of the Committee on Citizenship Rights, who are conducting the campaign around the case. In order to utilize the last few days properly, we urge that if it is still possible to get resolutions passed in organizations in your area on this case, that it be done.

The second question we want to take up with you is the financial question. The Schneiderman Defense Fund drive is now completed, and for the State of California, with very good results. The major legal expenditures necessary in the case are being met, and the campaign around the case, which received widespread response, was possible also because of the splendid financial support from our Party particularly.

The state-wide quota we set for California in this drive was \$3000.00. At the present moment, \$3571.96 has already been contributed to the Schneiderman Defense Fund.

Your county raised and contributed \$ 156.06, according to our records. This represents the total figure of funds submitted thru Party organizational channels and directly to the Committee.

If there are still any funds on hand raised for the Schneiderman case, please send them in immediately, so we may properly bring the campaign to a conclusion.

* Comradely yours,

State Org-Ed Committee

PUBLIC STATEMENT

On the Citizenship Case of William Schneiderman

In these days when the great principles embodied in the American traditions of liberty and justice are threatened, any infringement of the rights they represent at home takes on an ominous significance.

Because we feel that the people of our country are as convinced of these truths and are as prepared to defend Democracy as we who sign this statement, we feel it is incumbent upon us to register our deep concern over the case of William Schneiderman.

The United States Supreme Court is now considering the appeal of William Schneiderman against the cancellation of his American citizenship. William Schneiderman gave satisfactory evidence to the naturalization court of his eligibility for citizenship and of his adherence to our Constitution, and citizenship was granted him in 1927. Certainly this was legally and honestly obtained, for the record shows that all statutes, rules and regulations applying were adhered to. Now, after 14 years, this man, who has committed no crime, who is not charged with the violation of any law in our land is facing revocation of citizenship.

This case affects the lives of eight million naturalized Americans. We cannot agree to the principles that they are not in the same category as native born Americans whose citizenship cannot be revoked for any reason. We must not allow a precedent that would make native born Americans first-class citizens, and naturalized Americans, second-class citizens. We contend that ONCE CITIZENSHIP IS LEGALLY OBTAINED, IT IS IRREVOCABLE!

These questions deserve an answer; can naturalized Americans be placed on a probationary status, whereby they may be brought back years later, and on the basis of holding unpopular views, threatened with revocations of their citizenship? Can we condone the holding of a club over the heads of eight million Americans, whereby they would hold their citizenship by sufferance? Could they thus feel free to express their political views or affiliate with local political parties?

We do not necessarily subscribe to the beliefs of William Schneiderman, who has been and is a leading member of the Communist Party. But we do reaffirm the words of Thomas Jefferson: "The minority possesses their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate which would be oppression."

The case of William Schneiderman does not involve the merits of the program of the Communist Party. But it does involve the freedom of political opinion for all individuals with no threat of retribution. The Bill of Rights makes no distinctions as between native and foreign born Americans.

Our signatures to this Statement mean an agreement with the opinion expressed by United States Supreme Court Justice William C. Douglas who declared on June 20, 1941: "There must not grow up in this country any second or fourth class of citizenship. There is no room for any inferior grade. Where one has been allowed, the result has been the downward spiral of disunity."

We are deeply concerned about the case of William Schneiderman. To revoke his citizenship, to sanction the division of citizenship into first and second grades, to deny the right of free political thought to a section of our citizenry would in itself tend to retard the unity of the American people and the hopes of people everywhere, who are struggling so desperately to maintain their liberty against the onslaught of the worst tyranny the modern world has known.

(Names of distinguished Americans who have signed this letter are listed on the next page.)

Dr. Thomas Addis - Stanford University
Edward S. Allen - Ames, Iowa
Rev. Paul J. Allured - Kinde, Michigan
Rabbi Michael Alper - New York
George R. Anderson - San Francisco, California
Rev. William C. Anderson - Bremen, Indiana
Dr. Seth Arsenian - Springfield College
Harriette Ashbrook - Mitchell, Nebraska
Dr. C. S. Bacon - Emeritus Prof. of Obstetrics - University of Illinois
Rev. Lee H. Ball - Lake Mahopac, New York
Norman B. Parr - Chicago, Illinois
S. L. J. Barlow - New York
John D. Barry - San Francisco, California
Rene Battaglini - Pres. Cook's Union No. 44 - San Francisco, California
Louis P. Birk - New York
Bayard Boyesen - Winchester, New Hampshire
Priscilla Boyesen - Winchester, New Hampshire
Louise Branston - Civil Rights Council - San Francisco, California
Harry Braverman - Hollywood, California
Prof. S. F. Brechinridge - University of Chicago
Dr. Jaques Bronfenbrenner - Clayton, Missouri
Prof. Harold Chapman Brown - Stanford University
W. S. Bruce - Editor, Farmers Union News - Helena, Montana
Rabbi Elliot M. Burnstein - Congregation Beth Israel - San Francisco, Cal.
Rev. W. Fay Butler - Los Angeles, California
Mini Carson - International Ladies Garment Workers Union - S. F., Calif.
Rev. Don M. Chase - Redding, California
Russell N. Chase - Civil Liberties Union - Cleveland, Ohio
Prof. George A. Coe - University of California
Dr. Jerome E. Cook - St. Louis, Missouri
Rev. Elbert Conover - New York
Mrs. G. Costigan - Seattle, Washington
Dr. Abraham Cronbach - Hebrew Union College - Cincinnati, Ohio
Harold E. Crow - Danielson, Connecticut
Henry Wedsworth L. Dana - Cambridge, Massachusetts
Milton Davidoff - Attorney-at-Law - New York
Prof. Percy E. Davidson - Stanford University
Ernest Dawson - Los Angeles, California
Sadie Roberts Dawson - Los Angeles, California
Guy Lewhirst - Dana, Illinois
Roy Lonnelly - Los Angeles, California
Theodore Preiser - Hollywood, California
Robert W. Dunn - Labor Research Bureau - New York
Isidore Entes - New York
Rabbi Harry Esrig - Chicago, Illinois
Rev. A. D. Faupel - Los Angeles, California
Prof. Ernst Feise - John Hopkins University
Joe Felmet - University of North Carolina
Franklin Folsom - Executive Sec'y, League of American Writers - New York
Elizabeth Freeman - Los Angeles, California
Edward G. Gallagher - San Francisco, California
Leo Gallagher - Attorney-at-Law - Los Angeles, California
John M. Gandy - Virginia State College for Negroes
Kate Crane Gartz - Altadena, California
Dr. T. P. Gerson - Los Angeles, California
Ben Golden - New York
Dr. A. I. Goldwater - New York
Irwin Goodman - Attorney-at-Law - Portland, Oregon
Prof. Ralph H. Gundlach - University of Washington
Rev. Herman J. Hahn - Buffalo, New York
Annie Riley Hale - Altadena, California
Dr. Alice Hamilton - Hadlyme Ferry, Connecticut
Rev. P. M. Hammond - Sunnyside, Washington
Prof. S. Ralph Harlow - Smith College
William Harrison - Associate Editor Boston Chronicle
Prof. Marian Hathaway - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Aline Davis Hays - League of Women Shoppers - New York
Dr. Thomas H. Hepburn - Hartford, Connecticut
Rev. G. Hempleman - Louisville, Kentucky
Dr. Norman E. Himes - Hamilton, New York
Dr. Hamilton Holt - Winter Park, Florida
Dr. Mary Alice Hoover - Tacoma, Washington
Dr. B. F. Howard - Sacramento, California
Alexander James - Winchester, New Hampshire
Frederika James - Dublin, New Hampshire
C. H. Jordan - Los Angeles, California

Emily Green Balch - Wellesley, Massachusetts
Alice Stone Blackwell - Cambridge, Massachusetts
Katherine Devereux Blame - New York
John S. R. Bourne - Boston, Massachusetts
Joan Breen - Simmons College - Cambridge, Massachusetts
Felix A. Burton - Boston, Massachusetts
Sarah M. Cleghorn - Manchester, Vermont
Hugh De Lacy - Washington Commonwealth Federation - Seattle, Washington
Edwin B. Goodell, Jr. - Boston, Massachusetts
Daniel Howard - Windsor, Connecticut
Olive Lynn - Los Angeles, California
S. Roy Remar - Brookline, Massachusetts
Rev. F. Hastings Smyth - Cambridge, Massachusetts
Paul M. Sweezy - Cambridge, Massachusetts
Rev. Elliot White - Episcopal Diocese of New York
Mabel R. White - Roselle, New Jersey
Anita Whitney - San Francisco, California
George Wilson - President, CIO Council, San Francisco, California
Al Wurin - Attorney-at-Law - Los Angeles, California
Dr. Mary E. Woolsey - President Emeritus Mt. Holyoke College
Dr. Max Yergan - President, National Negro Congress - New York

REPRESENTATIVE COMMENT ON THE SCHNEIDERMAN CITIZENSHIP CASE -

The Boston Herald - December 2, 1941:

"The case involves these, among other important questions: When Schneiderman became a citizen, was he bound to disclose facts which the law did not require? Is this an attempt to apply a law retroactively? To what extent will the decision affect the standing of other naturalized citizens?"

The Nation - December 6, 1941:

"The case is simple. In applying for citizenship seventeen years ago Schneiderman did not tell the authorities that he was a Communist. They did not ask him, and there was at that time no law preventing a Communist from becoming a citizen. Since 1939, two lower courts have ordered the revocation of Schneiderman's citizenship. The danger in such a procedure is obvious, and prompt reversal is in order."

New York Times - November 29, 1941:

"He (Wendell L. Willkie) is known to feel that despite the fact that Mr. Schneiderman is an admitted member of the Communist party, the individual liberties of an American citizen, and not the Communist party, will be on trial during the appeal. If the Supreme Court upholds the decisions of the lower courts, Mr. Willkie believes that a dangerous and decidedly un-American precedent will have been set that would permit court reviews of the citizenship of all naturalized Americans."

"Such a step, Mr. Willkie is said to believe, would be contrary to all the principles of the American way of life and would cast a doubt on every naturalized citizen."

International Juridical Review:

"The Schneiderman case is much broader than a mere problem of whether Communists were eligible for citizenship. It is rather whether a naturalized citizen can have that citizenship revoked for failure to divulge a fact concerning which no question was asked him and where the statute did not give him notice that the government was interested in the fact which was not disclosed."

From the Petition to the Supreme Court of the United States on the Case of William Schneiderman :

"The hazard to citizens, native and naturalized alike, whose constitutional oaths may later be called into question by persons who may impute to them ideas differing from those of the majority -- make it imperative that the decision be examined by this court."

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Application for an Undergraduate Scholarship for the year 192....192

NOTE.—This application should be filled out and filed with the Recorder of the Southern Branch on or before *March 15* preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is desired; if received at a later date it will not be considered in awarding scholarships for the following year.

Awards of scholarships are based upon character, scholarship, and need. If the applicant is not a student in attendance at the University, he should file with his application an official transcript of his high school record, giving in detail the subjects taken and the scholarship grade in each; if he is a registered student, the committee will refer to the official records of the University. The committee's judgment as to character and scholarship will be based not only upon school and college records in the usual form, but upon written testimonials in behalf of the candidate from responsible persons with whom he has been intimately associated either before or during his attendance at the University. Such testimonials may accompany the formal application for a scholarship, or they may be forwarded by those who write them directly to the University. The evidence as to financial need is chiefly the applicant's signed statement as to his resources.

The committee will use its own judgment in assigning the successful candidates to scholarships from the several funds. It is understood that the intent of the donors of these funds was not to dispense charity, but rather to make it possible for students who give promise of leadership in scholarly pursuits or in the service of the state to profit to the fullest extent by the University training.

Name in full: Williams | (First name) | (Middle name) | (Family name) Schneiderman

Date on which this application is filed: March 1st. 1926

Age on date given above: 22 years 7 mos. Birthplace Rommar, Russia

Home address (including county): Los Angeles, Calif.

City or town Los Angeles Street and number 2755½ Winter St

In which congressional district is your home? How long have you lived in that district? 6 yrs

Will your home probably continue to be in that district during the next academic year? No

Father's (or guardian's) name and occupation: Rubin Schneiderman, Tailor

Father's (or guardian's) P.O. address: Los Angeles

High schools or academies attended, with dates of attendance and of graduation:

1st yr., 1918 - Tuley High School, Chicago

2nd yr., L.A. High - 3rd yr. Poly-Eve High School -
Graduated summer 1922.

If an applicant for admission—state in which College you desire to be enrolled?
(Letters and Science, Teachers, Pre-Commerce, Pre-Med., Pre-Min., Pre-C. E., Pre-Chem., etc.)

Do you intend to take the regular course and degree of that College?

Do you expect to be recommended to the University from an accredited school?

Give list of subjects in which you will take the entrance examinations:

Your work in the University is to begin in the month of 192...., at
(September or February) (Berkeley or Los Angeles)

If a student of the University—state in which College you are enrolled: Letters + Science
(Letters and Science, Teachers, Pre-Commerce, Pre-Agr., Pre-Med., Pre-Min., Pre-C. E., Pre-Chem., etc.)

Your probable major subject, or curriculum English

Your status (reg. or spec.) and class: Reg. Jr. year Do you intend to take a degree? Yes

What deficiencies have you? None

If you are at present the beneficiary of any scholarship or other award, state what it is: None

Specify for what years you have been such beneficiary? None

Your probable future business or profession: None

Condition of your health: Fair Are you married or single? Single

State whether you can comply with any of the following requirements, which are demanded of the beneficiaries of certain scholarships: (1) "relative of P. Charles Cole," (2) "son or daughter of a Master Mason of the State of California, in good standing, or of a deceased Master Mason," (3) father or mother "a native of Sweden," (4) "of Jewish parentage," (5) "of the Hebrew faith," (6) "son of a mother who has lost her husband by death."

Of Jewish parentage

State occupations, other than that of student, in which you have engaged, and give approximate dates of such employment:

Office clerk in large wholesale house, 1920 to 1925
— While going to school, night and day

Give a list of members of the University faculty from whom you have received instruction and to whom the Committee may apply for information concerning your qualifications:

Dr. Allen, English Dept.
Dr. Diamond, German Dept.
Dr. Bjork, History Dept.} know me best.

Give a list of any letters of recommendation filed with this application or to be forwarded at an early date through your effort, to the Recorder of the Southern Branch:

J. B. Jacobs, President, - Simon Levi Company
A. P. Jacobs, Sales Manager - " "
— Where I was employed for over five years,
two years part-time, and three years full-time.

State fully any facts that will help the Committee to form an opinion as to your need of financial assistance to be able to begin or to continue your work at the University. This statement will be considered confidential:

I have worked while going to school ever since I was 14 years old to help support my parents and four brothers and sisters, and I have had to remain out of school intermittently, as last term, for instance, because I could not afford to remain in school.

Right now I am out of employment, and my parents, ~~now~~ ^{now} being able to help me, need my assistance. It seems as though I will have to alternately go to school one semester, and go out to work one semester, unless I get some assistance. Had I gone to school regularly, I would have been graduated by now; as it is, I am only in my third year, with further delays before me.

The fact that I was working during my first two university years, prevented me from gaining a high scholastic standing. Nevertheless, I received my junior certificate with honorable mention, and my standing last year, according to my adviser, Dr. Allen, would have enabled me to receive a scholarship ^{for} last semester if I had not stayed out of school to go to work, due to family circumstances.

(Signed) William Schneiderman

Place and date of writing this application: Los Angeles, March 1st, 1923
(City or town) (Date)



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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

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	(Number and street or R. F. D. number)		(Town)	(County)
3. TELEPHONE None	4. AGE IN YEARS 35	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Ukraine	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP USA	
(Exchange)	(Mo.)	(Day)	(Year)	(Town or county) Russia
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Miss Anita Whitney				8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Friend
(Mr., Mrs., Miss)	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)	
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(Number and street or R. F. D. number)	(Town)	(County)	(State)	
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Communist Party				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 121 Bright St SF				
(Number and street or R. F. D. number)	(Town)	(County)	(State)	

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

REGISTRATION CARD
D. S. S. Form 1

(Byer)

16-17105

(Registrant's signature)
William Schneiderman

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5.9	155	
	EYES	HAIR	
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Sallow
	Gray	Red	Light
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Ruddy
	Brown	Black	Dark
Indian	Black	Gray	Freckled
		Bald	Light brown
Filipino			Dark brown
			Black

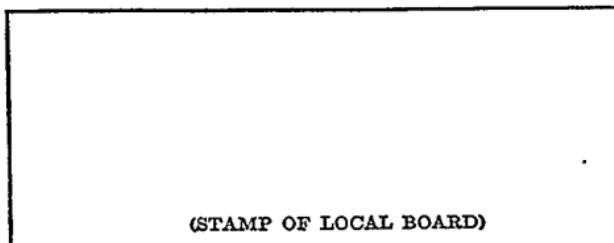
Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for _____
 (Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration _____



(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

Series VII.—DEPENDENCY (Confidential except as to names and addresses of claimed dependents.)—Continued

2. I have two children who are under 18 years of age or are physically or mentally handicapped, and who live with me.
(Number of children; if none, write "No")

"DEPENDENT," AS USED IN THIS SERIES DEFINED

The word "dependent," as used in this series, means any person to whose support the registrant contributes more than merely a small part of such person's support (or to whose support the registrant would contribute were he not temporarily prevented from so doing by the registrant's physical or economic situation) who is either (a) the registrant's wife, divorced wife, parent, foster parent, or grandparent, or (b) the registrant's child, unborn child, brother, half-brother, sister, or half-sister, who is under 18 years of age or is physically or mentally handicapped, or (c) a person whose support the registrant has assumed in good faith, who is either under 18 years of age or is physically or mentally handicapped.

Only a person who is a United States citizen or who lives in the United States or its Territories or possessions may be regarded as a dependent.

Based on the information contained in this Questionnaire and on other information which the Local Board may receive, the Local Board will determine whether the "dependent" is an individual who is dependent in fact for support in a reasonable manner in view of such individual's circumstances on income earned by the registrant by his work in a business, occupation, or employment.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Only those registrants who believe that one or more persons are dependent for support on the registrant's earnings from his work are required to fill in the statements numbered 3 through 12 in this series.

3. The following persons live with me in a home maintained by me and are entirely or partly dependent on my earnings from my work in my business, occupation, or employment, and have no other sources of income except as stated below:

The net cost to me of maintaining my home during the last 12 months after deducting \$_____ contributed by others than myself for the support of such dependents was \$ 1300.00

4. The following persons do not live with me in a home maintained by me, but are entirely or partly dependent on my earnings from my work in my business, occupation, or employment, and have no other sources of income except as stated below:

Name and address	Sex	Age at last birth-day	Relationship to registrant	Date when support began	Dependent's income, last 12 months		
					Contributed by the registrant	Earned by the dependent	Received from other sources
Address.....							
Address.....							
Address.....							
Address.....							

5. The cause of the dependency of any persons over 18 years of age (excluding my wife) listed above is as follows: (Give the name and a full statement of cause for dependency in each case.)

6. Of my dependents, only the following are receiving a part of their support from persons other than myself. (Give name of dependent, name and address of other person or agency contributing to his support, and amount so contributed in cash or other things of value by such other person or agency during the last 12 months.) _____

Series VII.—DEPENDENCY (Confidential except as to names and addresses of claimed dependents.)—Continued

7. Of the amounts contributed by me to dependents listed above, only \$ *none* (If none, write none), contributed to _____, was in payment for my own board and/or lodging.

(Name of dependent)

(Name of dependent) _____

8. The income I earned from my work in my business, occupation, or employment during the past 12 months was \$ 1300

9. My income from all other sources during the past 12 months was \$ None

10. The following is a list of all property owned by (or held in trust for) either me or my dependents, the value of such property, and the net income received by either me or my dependents from such property during the past 12 months: (List this information separately as to the registrant and each dependent. Do not include clothing, personal effects, or household furnishings; or cash less than \$500. Indicate which of such property is your home.)

Name of person	Type of property	Value after deducting encumbrances	Net income from such property

1. I rent the house in which I live. If so, the monthly rent is \$ 37⁵⁰, and the name and address of
(Do, do not) my landlord is Kurt Werde 1550 - 9th Ave Apt 4.

2. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fairly my own status and that of my dependents as a basis for my proper classification are: (If none, write "None.") MILNE

INSTRUCTIONS.—With respect to any dependent (other than the registrant's own wife, child, parent, or grandparent) whose support the registrant has assumed, attach to this page a statement explaining why and under what circumstances the registrant assumed such person's support. Such statement will then become a part of this Questionnaire.

UPPORTING AFFIDAVIT OF DEPENDENTS OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE

INSTRUCTIONS.—If convenient, each dependent over 18 years of age except the registrant's wife shall swear to (or affirm) the following affidavit. The registrant shall furnish the Local Board a separate affidavit from each such dependent who does not sign the affidavit below. Blanks for this purpose will be supplied by the Local Board on request.

TATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss:
We the undersigned do solemnly swear (or affirm) each for himself and herself individually, that we have read or had read to us the foregoing statements under the heading "DEPENDENCY"; that we understand the same; that we are named as dependents; that the statements contained therein as to the name, age, residence, relationship, and dependency of each of us toward said registrant, and the statements of his contributions and the contributions by other persons to the support of each of us and the statements of the financial and material condition of each of us, and of the income of each of us from all sources, are true.

<hr/> <p>(Signature of dependent)</p> <hr/> <p>(Signature of dependent)</p> <hr/> <p>(Signature of dependent)</p>	<hr/> <p>(Signature of dependent)</p> <hr/> <p>(Signature of dependent)</p> <hr/> <p>(Signature of dependent)</p>
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Series VIII.—MINISTER, OR STUDENT PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is a minister or a student preparing for the ministry shall fill in the statements in

1. (a) I _____ a minister of religion.
(Am, am not)
(b) I _____ customarily serve as a minister.
(Do, do not)
(c) I have been a minister of the _____ since _____.
(Name of sect or denomination) (Month, day, year)
(d) I _____ been formally ordained. If so, my ordination was performed on _____.
(Have, have not) (Month, day, year)
by _____.
(Ecclesiastical official performing the ordination) at _____.
(City and State)

Series VIII.—MINISTER, OR STUDENT PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY.—Continued

3. I _____ a student preparing for the ministry in a theological or divinity school.
 (Am, am not)
4. I am attending the _____, which was established _____
 (Name of theological or divinity school) (Before, after)
 September 16, 1939, and is located at _____
 (Place)

Series IX.—CITIZENSHIP

- INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in the statements numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 in this series.
1. I was born at Russia Ukraine Russia
 (Town) (State) (Country)
2. I was born on 8/18 (Month) (Day) (Year)
3. My race is: White; Negro; Oriental; Indian; Filipino; Other (specify) _____
4. I am a citizen of the United States.
 (Am, am not)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is not a citizen of the United States shall fill in the statements numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

5. I _____ a citizen or subject of _____
 (Am, was last) (Name of country)
6. My permanent residence has been in the United States since _____
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
7. I _____ filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States (first papers). Declaration
 (Have, have not) filed at _____ on _____ under No. _____
 (Place) (Month) (Day) (Year)
8. I _____ filed a petition for naturalization (second papers). Petition filed at _____
 (Have, have not) (Place)
 on _____
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
9. I _____ registered with the Alien Registration Division, United States Department of Justice, under the
 (Have, have not) Alien Registration Act of 1940. Registration receipt card number, if received _____

Series X.—CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION TO WAR

INSTRUCTIONS.—Only registrants who are conscientiously opposed to combatant or noncombatant military service by reason of their religious training and belief shall fill in this series, and shall obtain from the Local Board a special form on which to give substantiating evidence of conscientious objection. The Local Board will determine whether the registrant shall be classed as a conscientious objector on the basis of the claim made and the information contained in the special form.

I claim the exemption provided by the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 for conscientious objectors because I am conscientiously opposed, by reason of my religious training and belief, to the type or types of service checked below:

(Put an "X" in the correct box or boxes.) Combatant military service
 Noncombatant military service

Series XI.—COURT RECORD (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in statement Number 1.

1. I have not been convicted of treason or a felony.
 (Have, have not)
- INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who has ever been convicted of such an offense shall fill in the statements numbered 2, 3, and 4.
2. The offense was _____
3. The approximate date of conviction was _____
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
4. The name and location of the court was _____
 (Name)
 (Address)

Series XII.—MILITARY SERVICE (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who now is or has been a member of the armed forces of the United States shall fill in the statements in this series. (Use a separate line for each term of service.)

My military service has been as follows:

ARM OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, National Guard, etc.)	DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE (Month, Day, Year)	STILL IN SERVICE (Yes, No)	DATE OF DISCHARGE (Month, Day, Year)	TYPE OF DISCHARGE (Honorable, Dishonorable, Bad conduct, Not honorable, Undesirable, or Other—Specify)

Series IV.—OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY.—Continued

9. If you are not now working because of some seasonal or temporary interruption, attach to this page a statement (a) explaining what the interruption is, when it began, and when you expect to be able to resume your work, and (b) supplying substantially the same information regarding your last job as is required in the above items in this series.
10. I am not licensed in a trade or profession; if so, I am licensed as _____
 (Am, am not) (For example: Marine pilot, physician, aviator, stationary engineer)
11. I am not at present an apprentice under a written or oral agreement with my employer.
 (Am, am not)
12. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fairly the occupation which I have described, or my connection with it, as a ground for classification are (if none, write "None"): Mine

INSTRUCTIONS.—You may attach to this page any statement from your employer which you think the Local Board should consider in determining your classification. Such statement will then become a part of this Questionnaire.

Series V.—OTHER OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in this statement. Include any formal apprenticeship served.

OCCUPATION (Give full title; for example, turret-lathe operator, farmer, etc.)	KIND OF WORK DONE (Be specific—give a brief statement of your duties)	YEARS WORKED	
		From—	To—
<u>Mine</u>		19	19
		19	19

Series VI.—AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who works on a farm shall fill in this series, in addition to filling out Series IV and V above.

1. I work on or operate a farm as—
- | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sole owner of the farm. | <input type="checkbox"/> joint owner with _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> hired manager _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> cash tenant or renter _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> standing share tenant _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> share cropper _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> share tenant _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> wage hand (hired man) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> unpaid family worker _____ |
| (Put an "X" in the correct box.) | | | | (Name) _____ (Address) | | | | |
- My agreement (if any) expires _____
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
2. I have farmed for _____ years. 3. I _____ live on the farm with which I am connected.
 (Do, do not)
4. I _____ actually and personally responsible for the operation of the farm on which I work.
 (Am, am not)
5. The principal crops and livestock of the farm I operate or work on are:

Names of Crops	Acres Devoted to Each	Kinds of Livestock	Number of Each Now on Farm

6. The number of hands employed on this farm is _____
 (Number)

7. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fairly the agricultural enterprise I have described and my connection with it as a ground for classification are: (If none, write "None.")

Series VII.—DEPENDENCY (Confidential except as to names and addresses of claimed dependents.)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in the statements numbered 1, 2, and 3 in this series.

1. (a) I am single.
 (Put an "X" in one box) married.
 a widower.
 divorced.
- (b) If married, I married my present wife at San Francisco Cal.
 (City and State) on 12/31/39 (Month, day, year)
- (c) I do live with her. If not, her address is _____
 (Do, do not)

STATEMENTS OF THE REGISTRANT

Series I.—IDENTIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. My name is (print) William Schneiderman (First name) W (Middle name) Schneiderman (Last name)
2. In addition to the name given above, I have also been known by the name or names of Williams
3. My residence is 1550 - 9th Ave Apt 3 (Number and street or R. F. D. route) SF (Town—City, town, or village) SP (County) Calif. (State)
4. My telephone number is 545-22-9713 (If you have no phone, write "None.") (Town) None (Exchange) 545 (Number)
5. My Social Security number is 545-22-9713 (If none, write "None.")

Series II.—PHYSICAL CONDITION (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. To the best of my knowledge, I have no physical or mental defects or diseases. If so, they are _____ (Have, have no) (List defects or diseases here)
2. I am not an inmate of an institution. If so, its name is _____ (Name of hospital, prison, or other institution) and it is located at _____ (Give address)

Series III.—EDUCATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. I have completed 12 years of elementary school and 4 years of high school. (Number) (Number)
2. I have had the following schooling other than elementary and high school (if none, write "None"):

Name of Vocational School, College, or University	Course of Study	Length of Time Attended
<u>UCLA</u>	<u>Letters & Science</u>	<u>2 1/2 yrs</u>

Series IV.—OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS.—All registrants shall fill in statement No. 1 in this series. Every registrant who is now working shall fill in all statements in this series except No. 9. Every registrant who is now prevented from working merely because of some seasonal or temporary interruption shall fill in all statements except statements numbered 2 through 8 in this series.

As used in this series, words such as occupation, work, and job apply to services rendered in any endeavor and to training or preparation for any endeavor.

1. I am working at present. (Am, am not)
2. The job I am working at now is (give full title, for example: Construction draftsman, turret-lathe operator, stationary engineer, farm laborer, prosecuting attorney, physics teacher, medical student, policeman, marriage license clerk, etc.): Secretary of a political organization
3. I do the following work in my present job (be specific—give a brief statement of your duties): Executive and Administration
4. I have done this kind of work for 10 yrs (Length of time) \$25 (Number)
5. My average weekly earnings in this job are \$25. (Confidential.)
6. In this job I am an employee, working for salary, wages, commission, or other compensation. (Put an X in one box)
 - an independent worker, working on my own account, not hired by anyone, and not hiring any help.
 - working for my father or for the head of my family, but receiving no pay.
 - an employer or proprietor hiring _____ paid workers.
 - a student preparing for _____
7. My employer is: CPA Calif (Name of organization or proprietor, not foreman or supervisor)
 - (Address or place of employment—street or R. F. D. route, city, and State) 121 1/2 Market St SF
 - whose business is Practical Sales (For example: Farm, airplane engine factory, retail food store, W. P. A.)
8. Other business or work in which I am now engaged is Mine (If none, write "none")

Series XIII.—STUDENTS, PRESENT MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES, CERTAIN OFFICIALS, ETC.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is a member of one or more of the groups named in this series shall check the appropriate item or items, and shall supply any further information called for under the item or items checked.

- I am at present:
- A college or university student, having entered upon attendance for the academic year 1940-1941 at _____ (Name of college or university) on _____ (Month) _____ (Day), 1940. This college or university is located at _____ (Place). I am pursuing a course of study involving _____ hours attendance per week leading to the _____ (Name of degree or certificate). I _____ (Do, do not) request that if I am selected for training and service, my induction be postponed until the end of the present academic year, which ends on _____ (Month), 1941.
 - A commissioned officer, warrant officer, pay clerk, or enlisted man of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Public Health Service, the federally recognized active National Guard, the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Regular Army Reserve, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the Naval Reserve, or the Marine Corps Reserve; my rank or commission is _____ in the _____ (Name of service)
 - A cadet, United States Military Academy; midshipman, United States Naval Academy; cadet, United States Coast Guard Academy; man who has been accepted for admittance (commencing with the academic year next succeeding such acceptance) to the United States Military Academy as cadet, to the United States Naval Academy as midshipman, or to the United States Coast Guard Academy as cadet, and whose acceptance is still in effect; cadet of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps; I am _____ (A cadet, midshipman, or accepted for admittance) in _____ (Name of corps, academy, etc.)
 - The Governor of a State or Territory, a member of a legislative body of the United States or of a State or Territory, a judge of a court of record of the United States or of a State or Territory or the District of Columbia; my office is _____

REGISTRANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING CLASSIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—It is optional with registrant whether or not he fills in this statement, and failure to answer shall not constitute a waiver of claim to deferred or other status. The local board is charged by law to determine the classification of the registrant on the basis of the facts before it, which should be taken fully into consideration regardless of whether or not this statement is filled in.

In view of the facts set forth in this Questionnaire it is my opinion that my classification should be Class III (See Instructions, page 1).

The registrant may write in the space below or attach to this page any statement which he believes should be brought to the attention of the Local Board in determining his classification.

REGISTRANT'S AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS.—1. Every registrant shall make the registrant's affidavit. 2. If the registrant cannot read, the questions and his answers thereto shall be read to him by the officer who administers the oath.

STATE OF California, COUNTY OF San Francisco, ss:

I, William Schneiderman, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the registrant named and described in the foregoing statements in this Questionnaire, that I have read (or have had read to me) the statements made by and about me, and that each and every such statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Registrant sign here William Schneiderman (Signature or mark of registrant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Feb, 1941 (Signature of officer)

If the registrant has received assistance from an advisor, the latter will sign the following statement:
I have assisted the registrant herein named in the preparation of this Questionnaire.

Advisor.

7-5-43

From

[Redacted]

b7D

(Name of contributor)

[Redacted]
(Address of contributor)

By W. P. GARVEY, R.Y. BENNION

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()

No (X)

Description:

Two photostatic copies of handwriting specimens
of Subject, WILLIAM SCHNIEDERMAN.

File No. 97-26 Vol. 3

To All Party Branches and Groups

Dear Comrades:

The following is a call from the National Committee for a Special National Convention of the Party on Nov. 16th:

(Quote entire call unquote).

In accordance with the provisions of the call, the California District is entitled to 5 delegates to this convention, altho this is based on incomplete control figures which is far below our actual membership. A meeting of the State Committee of the Party, on Oct. 26th, 1940, has selected the following names as delegates to the Special National Convention, and submits these names to the Party Branches and Groups for ratification and approval:

Anita Whitney --- National Committee member
Wm. Schneiderman - State Secretary
Pettis Perry - - - Los Angeles County Chairman
Walter Lambert - - State Trade Union Director
Steve Nelson - - - National Committee member

Alternate: Dick Criley, State Secretary YCL.

You are requested to vote on the names submitted ~~xxxx~~ at your next meeting, and notify your nearest Section or County headquarters of the record of your vote, which must be completed ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ by the end of the first week of November.

With comradely greetings,

For the State ~~Executive~~ Committee,

Wm. Schneiderman, Dist. Secy.

There are no special provisions made for financing the delegation to the Special Convention, and we are therefore asking every ~~branch~~ group to make a voluntary donation of \$1.00 per group to help cover the expenses, and to send this immediately to your section or county, to be forwarded to the State Office.

The State Committee is

(~~in branch where there are~~
~~no groups~~)



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 14, 1941

61-7618

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

For your aid in conducting this investigation, and pursuant to your request, there is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of the report of the Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, San Francisco, California, and a photostatic copy of a letter dated August 28, 1941, signed by G. R. Andersen, 544 Market Street, San Francisco, California, concerning the income tax returns of this individual.

I am advised that the records of the First Internal Revenue Collection District of California do not disclose income tax returns for Schneiderman for the years 1937 to 1940, inclusive.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

97-26-54
En

JACK MOORE, COUNTY SECRETARY
124 W SIXTH ST ROOM 605
LOS ANGELES CALIF.

G SAN FRANCISCO 1 1941

PLEASE INVESTIGATE HOW NAME OF ELLIS S. JONES GOT ON SPONSORS LIST OF DEFENSE COMMITTEE. TENNEY COMMITTEE COUNSEL CLAIMS HE IS CONNECTED WITH ORGANIZATION CALLED NATIONAL COPPERHEADS GETTING OUT PAPER CALLED "THE FREE AMERICAN." ALSO CLAIMS TO BE CONNECTED WITH AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION. IF FACTS ARE TRUE, DEFENSE COMMITTEE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE STEPS TO REMOVE HIM FROM ANY CONNECTION WHATSOEVER. I INFORMED TENNEY COMMITTEE THAT DEFENSE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD HIM ON COMMITTEE IF FACTS HAD BEEN KNOWN, AND IF THEY ARE AS CLAIMED, DEFENSE COMMITTEE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE STEPS TO DISASSOCIATE HIM FROM SAME, AS WE NEVER HAD AND DO NOT HAVE CONNECTION WITH ELEMENTS OF THAT KIND.

WM. SCHNEIDERMAN

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San Francisco, California
December 17, 1941

Assistant Director P. E. Foxworth
New York City, New York

Re: F. JORDAN
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sirs:

A letter bearing the return address of F. JORDAN,
602 West 139 Street, New York City, was addressed to
MRS. W. J. WILLIAMS, 1550 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco,
California.

It is believed that the F. JORDAN must have some
connection with the Communist Party inasmuch as W. J.
WILLIAMS is the alias under which WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
is presently residing at the address on Ninth Avenue,
and it is believed that no one other than persons inti-
mate with them or prominent in the Communist Party would
know of this fictitious name being used by SCHNEIDERMAN.

The above is being furnished for your information
and whatever action is deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

PLK
N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 12/15/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/17-12/1/41	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH P. McMAHON
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, BILL SMITHLEY, W. J. WILLIAMS, B. L. WILLIAMS	CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT		
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Paterson, New Jersey Police Department advised they have no information in their files concerning subject. P.O.Box 37, Newark, New Jersey is listed to Communist Party of United States of America. The Young Communist League and the Daily Worker also receive mail at said Box.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. TAYLOR, San Francisco, California dated May 29, 1941.			
DETAILS: Patrolman JOHN MORRISON, Identification Bureau, Paterson, New Jersey advised that they have no information in their records under subject's true name or any of his aliases. He also stated that he had never heard of subject.			
 Capt. GEORGE BENGERT, in charge of the Detective Bureau, and Det. Sgt. JAMES SMITH advised that their department handles all investigations pertaining to radicals, but that they had never heard of subject. Capt. BENGERT stated that he would contact the other detectives in his department and ascertain if they had any information concerning subject. Subsequently, he advised that none of the men in his department had any information concerning subject.			
 In connection with other investigation being conducted by the Newark Office, it was ascertained that P. O. Box 37, Newark, New Jersey was rented in November, 1939 by the Communist Party of the United States of America, c/o Alfred Mancuso, 41 Richmond Street, Newark, New Jersey. The Young Communist League and the Daily Worker also receive mail at this box and their application was also signed by Mancuso as agent. P. O. Box 37 is the mail box for the state			
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Organization of the Communist Party of the United States of America District No. 14.

WILLIAM NORMAN, 130 Branford Place, Newark, New Jersey is the State Secretary of the Communist Party in New Jersey. He resides at 56 West Kinney Street, Newark, New Jersey. ALFRED MANCUSO was formerly State Chairman of the Young Communist League up until approximately one month ago.

For the information of the office of origin, P. O. Box 603, Newark, New Jersey is the mail box of the Essex County Branch of the Communist Party of the United States of America. LAWRENCE MAHAN, County Secretary, rented this box in the early part of February, 1940.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/27/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26; 12/3/41	REPORT MADE BY F. W. ARMSTRONG
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases	CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

▲ WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN at age two entered United States with mother, grandfather, and one PICERMAN, on SS KROONLAND from Antwerp, arriving New York City, September 22, 1908. Destination relatives named at 324 West Twelfth Street, Chicago. All natives of Russia. Held at Ellis Island on grounds of liability that they would become public charges; released and permitted entry. Court and penitentiary record of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, New York Police Department #B36028 set forth. Age in these records given variously as 16, 17, and 18 in September, 1914. F. ROSEN, 329 East Eighteenth Street, New York City, believed to be FANNY ROSEN, wife of SAM DONCHIN, alias DON, who is on Editorial Staff of DAILY WORKER and is reported a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party. Communications showing SAM DON in various places on West Coast in Spring of 1941 set out.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. C. Taylor,
dated May 29, 1941, at San Francisco.

DETAILS:

Mr. LOFTUS MURRAY, Clerk, Ellis Island, Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, made available manifest of

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the SS KROONLAND, sailing from Antwerp and arriving in New York City on September 3, 1907 and a manifest of the KROONLAND, arriving New York City, September 22, 1908, being found respectively in Volumes 2182 and 2519. No person closely resembling subject appears in the manifest, Volume 2182, for the trip of the SS KROONLAND, arriving in New York City, September 3, 1907. Volume 2519, at page 25, line 19, reflected that a WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, age two, arrived on the SS KROONLAND from Antwerp, arriving in New York City, September 22, 1908. Lines seventeen and eighteen reflect that he entered with his mother and grandfather and that at the same time one SELIG PICKERMAN also entered, record being found in Group 6, #26, of this same manifest. All these persons were held at Ellis Island, WOLF and his mother for four days, his grandfather and SELIG PICKERMAN for two days, for a hearing as to whether or not they were likely to become public charges. From shorthand notes of one LLOYD in the files, it appeared that a joint hearing was held on all four. The stenographer's notes covered two pages and were not subject to transcription in the New York Field Office due to the peculiarity of the shorthand system used. Mr. MURRAY advised that the notes had not been transcribed.

The names of the above persons as typewritten on the special inquiry form at the end of the manifest record, reflected the following spellings:

JOSHIE SCHNEIDERMAN, which appears as JASCHA SCHNEIDERMAN in the longhand in the manifest proper.

CHAWE SCHNEIDERMAN, who is the mother of WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN and SELIG PECKERMAN.

In the stenographer's notes mentioned above it appears to be spelled PICKERMAN.

The destination of all four of these people was given as 324 West Twelfth Street, Chicago, Illinois. JOSHIE SCHNEIDERMAN gave his destination as his son TERRIC at that address. SELIG PICKERMAN gave his destination as his son-in-law at that address. CHAWE and WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN gave their destination as RIENISEN, husband and father, at the same address. All parties gave their birth place as Wdniska or Woliniaka, Russia. JOSHIE SCHNEIDERMAN listed his wife RACHEL SCHNEIDERMAN as his nearest relative at that place. CHAWE SCHNEIDERMAN listed her mother CLIOUNI PICKERMAN as her nearest relative at that place and SELIG PICKERMAN gave his wife RINIE as his nearest relative at that place.

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The manifest reflects that JOSHIE'S son paid his fare, CHAWE'S husband her's, WOLF'S father his, and PICKERMAN paid his own. JOSHIE'S age was given as forty-four or fifty-four, CHAWE'S as twenty-four, WOLF'S as two and PICKERMAN as forty-seven. Mr. MURRAY further advised that these persons were held for special inquiry, as indicated by the notation L.P.C. appearing after their names in the manifest, meaning liable to become a public charge. All of them, however, were admitted after hearing. It should be noted that the longhand spelling of the names set out in typewriting in the record appears as follows:

CHAWE appeared as CLIOVIA and PICKERMAN as PÖLKERMANN PELKERMANN and PECKERMAN. There could be no doubt on the longhand for WOLF.

The records in the office of the clerk of the General Sessions Court, Criminal Courts Building, New York City, reflected the following information in file number 101254, Calendar number 15038 on William Schneiderman, whose police record is given as B36028 (New York Police Department).

On the back of the true bill returned in the case of People vs. Arthur Shaw and William Schneiderman in the above file, appears the following information concerning Schneiderman:

He was represented by W. H. Carpenter, Five Beekman Street; appeared on August 21, 1914 and gave his age as 18 years; nativity, Russian; race not filled in; nativity of father, Russian; nativity of mother, Russian; residence 586 Prospect Avenue; occupation errand boy; single; could read, write, and speak English; had received religious instruction; was living with his parents; was temperate. Apparently he had neither his first or second papers since these blanks were not filled in. There also appeared the words "Before conviction 1911 Larceny 1911 Child's court-Hebrew Pro. 1912 Childs Ct., Larceny (return to protection)."

Arthur Shaw, the record revealed, pleaded guilty to second degree grand larceny. The indictment recited that Arthur Shaw had stolen a watch of the value of \$1 and a fob of the value of \$2 and that Schneiderman had received the same. Shaw wrote a letter to Judge Nott from the Tombs stating that Schneiderman was innocent; that he (Shaw) had tried to slip the watch and fob into Schneiderman's pocket when he fled from the policeman. Shaw was then employed by Busky and Hoppman, 32 West 116th Street, A. Reynolds, manager.

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In a statement taken August 15, 1914 before City Magistrate, Schneiderman stated that he was sixteen years of age, was born in Russia, lived at 586 Prospect Avenue; that his occupation was that of errand boy. He pleaded not guilty and waived examination.

On September 14, 1914, Schneiderman was tried and convicted of receiving stolen property as charged. Shaw was sent to Elmira Reformatory on his plea of guilty and Schneiderman was sent to States Prison for one to two years on September 23, 1914.

The report of the probation officer in the files reflected that he had advised Judge Nott September, 1914 that "The defendant is eighteen years of age, born in Russia, and is in this country eight years. (It should be noted here that the typewritten 8 in this letter may be a 7 since both numbers appear, one over the other.) His parents reside at 586 Prospect Avenue, Bronx."

He goes on to state subject's record,

" 10/27/08 - Juvenile delinquency (Larceny) discharged.
11/22/11 - Juvenile delinquency (Jostling and attempt to pick pockets) Jewish protectory."

"After his parole from this institution the defendant was again arrested and charged in the Children's court with Attempted Larceny. On December 24, 1912, he was returned to the Jewish Protectory for Violation of Parole.

"The defendant was again paroled from the Protectory on April 16, 1914 and since that time worked for about three months for Nael and Shimmerl, 132 Park Row.

"Previous to his arrest he supported himself by selling newspapers.

"The defendant's mother states that for about six weeks previous to his arrest the defendant disappeared from home and she had no knowledge of his whereabouts until we informed her of his arrest."

The record also revealed correspondence with Byron Uhl, head of the Immigration and Naturalization Bureau, Ellis Island, in reference to this subject.

A check of the Manhattan Telephone Directory fails

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to reflect any W. H. Carpenter, Attorney, or any firm of Bushy and Hoppman or Nael and Shimmerl, and the Clerk of the General Sessions Court advised that subject's previous record would be found at the Children's Court. The clerk at the Children's Court advised that their records did not go back to 1914, and that they had no record of subject.

Miss Serrly, New York City Welfare Council, 44 East Twenty-third Street, advised that the records in her office did not reveal any information on subject, nor did any affiliated Jewish Social Agency have a record of subject.

Miss T. Jason, Chief Clerk, Probation Office for General Sessions Court, advised that the records did not go back to 1914 and that they had no record of subject. They did, however, have a record of HYMAN SCHNEIDERMAN, born in 1906, whose alias was HARRY SHAW. HYMAN'S mother, ROSE PLATNISKA, entered this country in 1912, according to this record. His father JOSEPH died in 1914, having been in the United States eight years at that time.

The record reflected that his grandparents all resided in Russia at that time. There were eight children in this family, being LOUIS, 27; JOSEPH, 15; ETHEL, 29; SADIE, 30; MOLLY, 24; LILLIAN, 19; and one brother deceased, besides HYMAN. HYMAN has F.B.I. #65982. It was noted that HYMAN was also known as HERMAN SCHNEIDERMAN, and in 1929, had been in the United States seventeen years.

The clerk at Morris High School, Bronx, New York, advised that HYMAN SCHNEIDERMAN was born on January 8, 1908 and entered Morris High School June 30, 1924 from Public School #42 and left Morris High School February 3, 1925. She also advised that Morris High School covered the address 586 Prospect Avenue, but that there was no record of a WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, although the records did go back to include 1914. This information is set forth because of the appearance of the name SHAW in connection with each SCHNEIDERMAN, and the fact that HYMAN SCHNEIDERMAN was born in 1906.

From report of Special Agent F. C. Dorwart, dated January 4, 1940, at San Francisco, entitled COMMUNIST PARTY IN U.S.A. - REGISTRATION ACT, AGENTS OF FOREIGN PRINCIPALS, it appears that the "San Francisco News" of December 7, 1939 related that SCHNEIDERMAN had testified that he had attended high school in Los Angeles in 1919 and 1923. The "New York World Telegram" of November 29, 1941 states that subject helps support his family in Los Angeles; that he came to this country with his

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father in 1908, worked his way through high school and two and one-half years at the University of California.

The following investigation was conducted on November 27, 1941 by Special Agent C. A. Evans:

At Ossining, New York

Mr. C. J. CONSIDINE, record clerk, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, made available the file of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, a former inmate of the prison. This record indicated that SCHNEIDERMAN was received at the prison on September 24, 1914 and was assigned prison number 65013. He was paroled on September 23, 1915, having served one year of a one to two year term to which he had been sentenced, having been convicted of the crime of Criminally Receiving Stolen Property.

The record revealed that SCHNEIDERMAN was a first offender, but listed the following previous criminal record:

Sentenced January, 1910 to Jewish Protectory for two years for petty larceny.

Sentenced December, 1912 to Jewish Protectory for two years for petty larceny.

The record at Sing Sing Prison contained the following personal information relative to SCHNEIDERMAN. He was shown to be seventeen years of age, white, Hebrew, and in good health. He was five feet, three and three-quarter inches in height and weighed 120 pounds. His occupation was shown to be a bookbinder. He possessed a public school education. He was born in Russia, as were his father and mother. SCHNEIDERMAN was shown to have entered the United States when he was very young. He was unmarried at the time of his imprisonment. The record indicated that he used tobacco, but not liquor or drugs.

There was also contained in the file copies of correspondence between the warden at Sing Sing Prison and the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Ellis Island, New York, relative to SCHNEIDERMAN. One letter from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, dated February 8, 1936, Ellis Island file number 99349/917, requested a photograph and commitment record of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, who was identified by police number B 36028, and fingerprint classification 1 11 3
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Another letter from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, dated March 26, 1936, same Ellis Island file number, requested that the photograph and commitment record previously furnished by the Prison be certified, and indicated that this information was to be used in proceedings then pending in California to cancel the naturalization of SCHNEIDERMAN. There was no further information in the file relative to SCHNEIDERMAN.

The clerk at the State Probation Office, 80 Centre Street, Manhattan, advised that the records did not go back to 1915; that such records, if in existence, would be at the Board of Correction in Albany, New York.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent James E. Amos. The New York Police Department records contain no other information than that set out in reference report.

SOL ERGANY, Post Office Carrier at Station D, 95 Fourth Avenue, advised that F. DONCHIN, who resided at 329 East Eighteenth Street, resided with SAM DONCHIN and SAM DON. A letter addressed to the Director from the New York Field Division dated May 1, 1941, re COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; ESPIONAGE (R), reflects that FAY ROSEN is the corrent name of FANNY ROSEN; that said party resides at 329 East Eighteenth Street, with her husband SAM DONCHIN, commonly known as SAM DON, who is on the editorial staff of the DAILY WORKER. A letter in the same file addressed to the Director from this office, dated May 12, 1941, reflects that on April 29, 1941, a night letter was delivered to FAY ROSEN at 329 East Eighteenth Street, New York City, as follows:

"Feeling fine. No cause to worry. Letter follows.
Staying at Ed Robbins', 1961 Preston.

(Signed) Don "

Identification marks on this letter are L.P. 182, B4 Office, Los Angeles, California, 4/28/41. The letter of May 12, 1941 further reflects that on April 28, 1941 a letter was received by FAY ROSEN with return address of SAM DON, post marked Los Angeles, and that ROY HUDSON received a letter bearing initials S.D. with return address, 21 Height Street, San Francisco. The records of the New York Field Division further reflect that SAM DON is a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party. Since SAM DON appears to have been on the West Coast at the time of the receipt of the letter mentioned in reference report, it is assumed that the F. ROSEN referred to in that letter is his wife.

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For the information of the offices receiving this report, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is presently appealing to the United States Supreme Court, from an order revoking and cancelling his citizenship, on the grounds that he falsely swore that he did not believe in the overthrow of Government by force. This proceeding was instituted by the Immigration authorities.

Subject also swore in his petition for naturalization that he had not been previously convicted of any crime. His petition was premised on the entrance of subject into this country on the S.S. KROONLAND from Antwerp, arriving, New York, September 22, 1908. In addition, the records of the Radical and Intelligence Squad of the Los Angeles Police Department reflect that subject was born August 1, 1895, this information apparently being secured from the Immigration and Naturalization Service from the Police Department.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Albany Field Division:

At Albany, New York:

Will, at the State Department of Correction, Division of Parole, Albany, secure any history and identifying data concerning WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, New York Police Department, #B36028, for the purpose of identifying him with, or distinguishing him from subject.

San Francisco Field Division:

At Berkeley, California:

Will examine the records of the University of California and obtain any history and identifying data on subject therein contained, it being noted that the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM noted that the subject attended the University of California for two and one-half years. In the event that subject has no record at the University of California, the San Francisco Office will set out this lead for the Los Angeles Field Division, to secure such information from the University of California at Los Angeles.

At San Francisco, California:

Will examine appropriate Selective Service records to determine if subject has registered and the date and place of birth given thereon. It is noted that subject claimed birth as of December 14, 1905 and would, therefore, have been thirty-four years of age at the time of the first registration.

Los Angeles Field Division:

At Los Angeles, California:

Will, through the appropriate school records, check the high school and night school record of subject to identify him with or distinguish him from WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, who is supposed to have been 2 years old in 1908 and to trace back through such records his previous residences to identify him with or distinguish him from WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, New York Police Department #B36028, who was in prison from September 1914 to September 1915. Subject is reported to have attended high school in Los Angeles in 1919 and 1923 and to have attended night school at an unidentified time and place.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI SAN FRANCISCO FEB. 13, 1942 PM GWS

DIRECTOR

SAC LOS ANGELES

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, WAS, REGISTRATION ACT. RE BUREAU REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SET OF PRINTS TO COMPARE WITH THOSE OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, NEW YORK PD NUMBER B THREE SIX NAUGHT TWO EIGHT. NO FINGERPRINTS TAKEN AT TIME OF SUBJECTS ARREST SAN FRANCISCO DEC. TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN TWENTYNINE. REVIEW OF FILE REFLECTS ALL OUTSTANDING LEADS COVERED WHICH LOOKED TO LOCATION OF FINGERPRINTS AND ALL REPORTED ARRESTS INVESTIGATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SCHNEIDERMAN STATED IN SELECTIVE SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE BORN AUGUST FIRST, NINETEEN FIVE, AND IN APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, THIRTYFOUR, STATED BORN DEC. FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FIVE. REASON FOR VARIANCE NOT KNOWN. SAN FRANCISCO FILE REFERS TO LOS ANGELES LETTER DEC. THIRTYFIRST, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX IN CASE ENTITLED QUOTE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, GENERAL UNQUOTE, LOS ANGELES FILE SIXTYONE DASH THIRTYEIGHT, WHICH QUOTES INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CAPTAIN HINES WHO HAD IN TURN RECEIVED IT FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF IMMIG. & NATURALIZ. TO EFFECT LATTERS FILES CONTAINED STATEMENT SUBJECT BORN AUGUST FIRST, EIGHTEEN NINETY FIVE, WHICH, IF TRUE, WOULD MAKE SUBJECT MORE NEARLY AGE OF THE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN WHO, ACCORDING TO RECORDS OF SINGSING WAS SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AT TIME HE WAS RECEIVED THERE SEPT. TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN FOURTEEN. REPORT OF SA F. W. ARMSTRONG, NEW YORK, JAN. TWENTYSEVEN, FORTYTWO, SETS OUT LEAD FOR SAN FRANCISCO TO CHECK RECORDS OF UNIV OF CALIF. SUBJECTS SS

Approved: _____
Special Agent in ChargeSent 8 22 M Per JWB
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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QUESTIONNAIRE STATES HE ATTENDED THE UNIV. OF CALIF. AT LOS ANGELES.

ACCORDINGLY, LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THERE,

DETERMINE POINT WHERE RECEIVED HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AND TAKE SUBJECTS PERSONAL HISTORY AS FAR BACK AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBJECT IS IDENTICAL WITH NY PD NUMBER B THREE SIX NAUGHT TWO EIGHT.

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Approved: P. Pashin
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR AND SACS SAN FRANCISCO, CHCXXX CHICAGO, ST. PAUL PIPE. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, WAS, REGISTRATION ACT. RE BUREAU REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SETS OF PRINTS TO COMPARE WITH THOSE OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, NEW YORK PD NUMBER B THREE SIX NAUGHT TWO EIGHT. SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO SECURE SINGLE FINGERPRINT IMPRESSION ON AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS PERMIT, SACRAMENTO. ST. PAUL REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER FINGERPRINTS WERE TAKEN ON ARREST OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, ARRESTED MINEAPOLIS MAY NINETEEN THIRTY ONE, ADDRESS EIGHTEEN TWELVE FIRST AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS. ANOTHER ARREST AT SOUTH ST. PAUL NOVEMBER TWENTY FIVE, THIRTY THREE, AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE. JURY DISAGREED ON TRIAL DECEMBER THIRTY THREE. THEE ARRESTS WERE ON THE WEST COAST SUBJECT WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN AND MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH NEW YORK PRINTS. NEW YORK WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN ON NEW YORK ARREST INDICATED BORN AUGUST FIRST, EIGHTEEN NINETY FIVE, WHEREAS SUBJECT WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN IN SELECTIVE SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE INDICATED BORN AUGUST FIRST, NINETEEN FIVE, AND IN APPLICATION FOR POASSPORT INDICATED BORN DECEMBER FOURTEENTH, NINETEEN FIVE. ALL NATRUALIZATION RECORDS FILED FEDERAL COURT, LOS ANGELES, REFLECT WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN AS BORN AUGUST FIRST, NINETEEN FIVE, AT RUMANOV, RUSSIA. ALL RECORDS OF HIGH SCHOOLS AT LOS ANGELES ON WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN FAIL TO CARRY DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, BUT SHOW TRANSFER FROM MURRAY F, TULEY HIGH SCHOOL, CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER YEAR NINETEEN NINETEEN. CHICAGO REQUESTED TO CHECK BACK ON RECORDS OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN THROUGH THIS HIGH SCHOOL TO

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DETERMINE IF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN IS IDENTICAL WITH WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN ARRESTED NYC. NEW YORK REPORT ON IMMIGRATION RECORD NINETEEN NAUGHT EIGHT DESTINATION ADDRESS THREE TWO FOUR WEST TWELFTH STREET, CHICAGO ILLINOIS. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN IN NATRUALIZATION RECORDS AT LOS ANGELES ALSO KNOWN AS VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN AND ALSO AS WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN. FATHER OF SUBJECT SCHNEIDERMAN IS KNOWN AS RUEBEN AND RUBIN SCHNEIDERMAN. SCHOOL RECORDS AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES CARRY BIRTH DATE OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN AS AUGUST ONE, NINETEEN NAUGHT FIVE. INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISE BUREAU OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was, Velvel
Schneiderman, Bill Schneidermann,
Bill Smithley, W. J. Williams,
B. L. Williams
REGISTRATION ACT.

Attention: Mr. MUMFORD

Dear Sir:

Captain RAY HARRINGTON, Minneapolis Police Department Record Bureau, furnished the original fingerprints of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Minneapolis Police Department number, #4700-A, which are being transmitted to the Bureau herewith, same to be returned to the Minneapolis Police Department when they have served their purpose. The Minneapolis Police Department has no photograph of this WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. This person was arrested twice by the Minneapolis Police Department, May 1, 1931 and May 14, 1932.

At the time of his arrest, May 1, 1931, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN'S fingerprints were taken by Detective J. E. CONNELLEY, whose initials appear on the fingerprint card. SCHNEIDERMAN'S signature appears on this fingerprint card as does his description which is as follows:

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(Director Re: William Schneidermann, was. 2-13-42)

Place of Birth	Illinois ✓
Age	25 years in 1931
Height	5' 8"
Weight	135 lbs.
Hair	Light Chestnut
Eyes	Hazel green
Build	Slim
Complexion	Medium
Residence	1812 First Street South Minneapolis, Minnesota
Charge	Disorderly conduct (Section #34, Park Ordinance)

SCHNEIDERMANN was interviewed by the booking jailer, ARTHUR KUHN, at the time of this arrest in 1931 at which time he said he had been in Hennepin County, Minnesota, one and one-half years; that he had a university education; that he was born in Illinois; that he was single; and that his parents were natives of Germany.

SCHNEIDERMANN'S fingerprint classification is as follows:

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His arrest, May 1, 1931 was at the corner of Washington and Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Lieutenant FRANK BLEED, who is still on the Minneapolis Police Department and Policeman, VICTOR BETZOLD, who is now deceased. The court disposition of this case was that he was found not guilty in Municipal Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 7, 1931, Judge LUTHER YOUNGDAHL, presiding judge.

He was arrested the second time, May 14, 1932 on the charge of careless driving under the name of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMANN at which time, Captain HARRINGTON states, he was interviewed by JULIAN BEACH and ABRAHAM BENJAMIN, Minneapolis Police Department Record Bureau, and told them his

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address in 1932 was 70 South 12th Street, Minneapolis. The offense of careless driving occurred on Cedar Lake Road, Precinct #4, and official WILLIAM BUGSE was the arresting official. SCHNEIDERMAN gave his occupation as clerk and said that he had been in Hennepin County, Minnesota, one year at the time of his arrest in 1932; that he had been in the United States for 26 years; that his next kin was his father, named REUBEN SCHNEIDERMAN, whose address was Los Angeles California; that his parents nativity was Germany; and he claimed that he was born in Illinois.

SCHNEIDERMAN was visited, while in jail, on May 15, 1932 by one BERTHA WEISS, address not shown, and made bail in the amount of \$100.00. On May 16, 1932 he was sentenced to pay \$15.00 fine or serve 10 days in the Workhouse; he paid the fine, this being before Municipal Judge LARSON in Minneapolis Municipal Court.

Captain RAY HARRINGTON furnished the following memorandum which he found in the file jacket of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, #4700-4. However, Mr. HARRINGTON can not furnish any information as to where the data contained in this memorandum originated.

"Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, also known as "Bill Smithley"

"This individual has been active in Mpls. for the past several years in the communistic movement, particularly the party proper. He has been arrested on several occasions on charges of disorderly conduct always under assumed names. He participated in the May and June 1934, truck drivers strike. He is not considered bad in view of the conduct of others who are radicals and supposedly communists."

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"He is an organizer for the communistic party assigned to District No.-9, Minnesota is included in this district with numerous other adjoining states. It is claimed nothing has been heard from him since the strike in 1934. That he as well as others that had been here for several years have been moved to some other city. This is done when the headquarters feels their usefulness has worn out.

"In 1931 it is alleged he ran for Alderman in the 6th Ward, and during his campaign, he and Charles Larson were making speeches on Block 20, and were pulled off their boxes and made to stop. This was on May Day, 1931.

"That on March 7, 1933, he and a man named Benson organized and lead a march on the Court house in demands for greater public relief."

The Bureau will desire to compare the fingerprints of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMANN, Minneapolis Police Department No. #4700-A, to ascertain whether he is identical with the WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMANN whose citizenship was revoked by the U. S. District Court at San Francisco, July 23, 1940. The signature on this fingerprint card can be compared with known signatures of Subject SCHNEIDERMANN to ascertain if the two are identical.

Very truly yours,

C. T. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.
SMB:vn

cc: San Francisco
Los Angeles

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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HAIR MARRIED ATL OF BIRTH 12-14-05 OPER LICENSE EXPIRES 1-28-42

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN REFUSED TO HAVE HIS THUMB PRINT TAKEN

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National Automobile Theft Bureau
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Gentlemen:

Re: William Schneiderman

The following information is to confirm our teletype call.

Operator's license #G68277 issued January 28th 1938 expires January 28th 1942 to William Schneiderman, 170 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco. 32 yrs, 5'9", 145 lbs, eyes green, hair auburn, white race. married. No thumb print

Unable to locate a renewal for this man.

In 36 Operator's license #D778922 was issued to William Schneiderman, same address as 30 yrs, 5'9", 150 lbs, green eyes, auburn hair not married. birth 12/14/1905 no thumb print

41 license 5B 1043 issued Aug 28th 1941 to Wm Schneiderman, 121 Haight St, S.F. as sole owner of a 41 Plymouth standard 2 d sedan motor #P11 267402 serial #3128240. purchased from James W McAlister Inc, Burlingame on Aug 16th 1941.

There is a Drivers Warning issued 3/20/38 by the CHP of Santa Barbara against Wm Schneiderman, 170 Golden Gate Ave, S.F. for sec 511D. occupation given as office worker. 32 yrs, 5'9", 145 lbs, green eyes, auburn hair. CHP officer Irwin Harire 539.

no 42 license for the car or man at this time.

there is a Joseph Schneiderman of 1885 Golden Gate Ave, S.F. who had an operator's license D29776 in 35 as 27 yrs., 5'8, 200 lbs eyes and hair brown not married. birth 1/18/1908 also had E 163694 issued in 36, under address 1450 Golden Gate Ave, SF

yours very truly

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated at: NEW YORK, NEW YORK File No.-- 65-66

Report made at:	Date when made:	Period for which made:	Report made by:
SAIN T PAUL, MINN.	3-4-42	2-13,14-18-20-42	S. W. HARDY VN
TITLE:		CHARACTER OF CASE:	
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN BILL SMITHLEY, W. J. WILLIAMS, B.J. WILLIAMS		REGISTRATION ACT.	

SYNOPSIS: THOMAS FOLEY and ALBERT KITTOCK, who were formerly connected with the Communist Party in Minneapolis, identified the photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California Secretary of the Communist Party, as the person of that name who was connected with the Communist Party in Minneapolis about 1932 to 1934. FOLEY stated that SCHNEIDERMAN filed for governor of Minnesota. PAUL J. PENROD, Minneapolis, Identified the California SCHNEIDERMAN as the same person who resided at 1812 First Street South, Minneapolis, in 1931.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 2-20-42 (Bureau file #61-7618).

DETAILS: Captain RAY HARRINGTON, Minneapolis Police Department Record Bureau, furnished the original fingerprints of

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of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Minneapolis Police Department No.-4700-A, which original prints were transmitted to the Bureau on February 13, 1942. The Minneapolis Police Department has no photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. This person was arrested twice by the Minneapolis Police Department, May 1, 1931 and May 14, 1932 and fingerprinted each time.

When arrested May 1, 1931, SCHNEIDERMAN'S prints were taken by Detective J. E. CONNELLEY, whose initials appear on the fingerprint card. SCHNEIDERMAN's signature appears on this fingerprint card as does his description which is as follows:

Place of Birth	Illinois
Age	25 years in 1931
Height	5' 8"
Weight	135 lbs.
Hair	Light Chestnut
EYES	Hazel green
Build	Slim
Complexion	Medium
Residence	1812 First Street South, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Charge	Disorderly conduct (Section #34, Park Ordinance).
Fingerprint Classification	<u>13</u> <u>14</u> <u>aU</u> <u>000</u> <u>15</u> <u> 4</u> <u> W</u> <u> 101</u> <u> 16</u>

SCHNEIDERMAN was interviewed by the booking jailor, ARTHUR KUHN at the time of his arrest in 1931 at which time, the records reflect, he stated that he had been in Hennepin County, Minnesota one and one-half years; that he had a university education; that he was born in Illinois; that he was single; and that his parents were natives of Germany.

His arrest May 1, 1931 was at Washington and Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was made by Lieutenant FRANK BLEED of the Minneapolis Police Department and Policeman, VICTOR BETZOLD, now deceased. The court disposition of this case was that SCHNEIDERMAN was found not guilty in municipal court at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 7, 1931 by Municipal Judge LUTHER YOUNGDAHL.

Inspector FRANK BLEED, Minneapolis Police Department, former jailor, ARTHUR KUHN, and Detective J. E. CONNELLEY, who handled SCHNEIDERMAN at the time of the 1931 arrest were each shown 1931 San Francisco newspaper photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, who is California Secretary of the Communist Party, and at this late date none of these persons could identify or recognize the photograph of SCHNEIDERMAN as being the man of that name whom they handled at the time of his 1931 arrest in Minneapolis.

SCHNEIDERMAN was arrested the second time in Minneapolis, May 14, 1932, on the charge of careless driving under that name and fingerprinted at which time Captain RAY HARRINGTON'S records reflect that he was interviewed by JULIAN BEECH and ABRAHAM BENJAMIN of the Minneapolis Police Department Record Bureau. SCHNEIDERMAN in that 1932 interview told them his address was 70 South 12th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota; that his occupation was clerk; that he had been in Hennepin County one year at the time of his 1932 arrest; that he had been in the United States for 26 years; that his next of kin was his father, REUBEN SCHNEIDERMAN, whose address was Los Angeles, California; that his parents nativity was Germany, but he claimed that he was born in Illinois. The offense for the 1932 arrest was carelessness driving, which offense occurred on Cedar Lake Road, Precinct #4, Minneapolis, Minnesota; WILLIAM BUSSE was the arresting officer.

Policeman WILLIAM BUSSE, JULIAN BEECH and ABRAHAM BENJAMIN, who formerly were connected with the Record Bureau and Jail of the Minneapolis Police Department, were shown 1939 newspaper photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN California Secretary of the Communist Party and they were unable to recall SCHNEIDERMAN or identify the photograph of the San Francisco WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN as being the man whom they handled at the time of his arrest in 1932 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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"This individual has been active in Mpls. for the past several years in the Communistic movement, particularly the party proper. He has been arrested on several occasions on charges of disorderly

conduct always under assumed names. He participated in the May and June 1934, truck drivers strike. He is not considered bad in view of the conduct of others who are radicals and supposedly communists.

"He is an organizer for the communist party assigned to District No.-9, Minnesota is included in this district with numerous other adjoining states. It is claimed nothing has been heard from him since the strikes in 1934. That he as well as others that had been here for several years have been moved to some other city. This is done when the headquarters feels their usefulness has worn out.

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On February 14, 1942 a photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, National Secretary of the Communist Party of California, was secured from the Minneapolis Star-Journal Newspaper. This paper did not have any photograph of the WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN who ran for Governor in Minnesota in 1932 on the Communist ticket. Hence, there was no Minnesota photograph of the man who ran for Governor in 1932 available at that paper for comparison with the San Francisco photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Secretary of the Communist Party of California.

At the Minneapolis Times-Tribune Newspaper there were several news items which would indicate that the WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN in California is identical with the party of that name who was in Minneapolis during 1930 to 1932. Newspaper items of the Minneapolis Times of December 16, 1941, referred to SCHNEIDERMAN, who was Secretary of the Communist Party of California, as being a former Minnesotan.

The Minneapolis Times item of June 13, 1940 stated "The American Citizenship of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Communist Candidate for Governor of Minnesota in 1930 and present Secretary of the California Communist Party was cancelled yesterday in San Francisco." (This should probably be 1932 rather than 1930.)

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The Minneapolis Times item of November 29, 1941 referred to SCHNEIDERMAN as Communist Candidate for Governor in Minnesota in 1930 and native of Russia.

The Minneapolis Times item of June 13, 1941 referred to SCHNEIDERMAN as "Communist Candidate for Governor in 1930."

The Minneapolis Times item of May 5, 1931, stated, "Pair given hearing on May Day charges. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 1812 First Avenue South, candidate for alderman of the 6th Ward and CHARLES KARSON, Saint Paul, went on trial before Municipal Judge LUTHER YOUNGDAHL, Tuesday on charges of disorderly conduct. They were arraigned as the result of the roundup by police. SCHNEIDERMAN declared that he was about to mount a platform to make a speech near Seven Corners when police pulled him down. He said there was no American flag or display at the gathering and no permit had been obtained to hold the meeting. KARSON, according to the interviewer, also tried to make a speech but was prevented. After hearing ended, the Judge continued the case until Tuesday."

The Minneapolis Times item of April 25, 1932 stated "Communists name State Candidates. The Minnesota district committee of the Communist Party Sunday afternoon named WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN of Minneapolis as its candidate for Governor. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is the district organizer of the Communist Party in Minnesota. Other candidates named include JOHN LINDEMANN EMBARRASS, Minnesota Lieutenant Governor; ROBERT FURER, Negro, Saint Paul, Secretary of State; RUDOLPH HARJU, Duluth, Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner; TOM FOLEY, Minneapolis Attorney. General candidates for Congress will include J. W. KARSON, Minneapolis and J. W. ANDERSON, Virginia. The state ballot will be presented for ratification to a state ratification convention of the Communist Party to be held on June 19th in Minneapolis. Mr. SCHNEIDERMAN will make an address before an anti-war demonstration to be held Sunday, May 1st on The Parade."

The 1939 San Francisco newspaper photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California Secretary of the Communist Party was shown to various persons without securing identification; some of these being JACK LIEVERMAN of the Keystone Loan Office, 236 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis; LATZ, REUBEN, Secretary of the Laundry Union, 238 Transportation Building, Minneapolis, who knew of SCHNEIDERMAN'S activities in Minneapolis but could not identify the photograph saying that he had never seen SCHNEIDERMAN personally.

Mr. ALBERT BASTIS, Sixth Ward Alderman, who was SCHNEIDERMAN'S opponent in the 1930 election for Sixth Ward Alderman, stated that he did not recognize the photograph as he had never seen SCHNEIDERMAN personally. He stated that he had never seen SCHNEIDERMAN even during the campaign when they opposed each other.

Minneapolis City Detective WILZEL H. FABRIZ, who is working on National Defense matters, secured the following identification of the photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Secretary of the Communist Party in California, as being the same person who formerly was in Minneapolis.

THOMAS FOLEY of Dayton Rogers Company, 2830 - 13th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was once a full time functionary of the Communist Party identified the San Francisco picture of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN as being in Minneapolis about 1933 or 1934 and stated that the Subject filed for Governor of the State of Minnesota; also that he was connected with the Communist Party. Mr. FOLEY resides on RFD #3, Anoka, Minnesota. In the presence of Minneapolis City Detective WILZEL FABRIZ on February 18, 1942, he wrote his identification on the reverse side of this picture as follows: "I, TOM FOLEY of Route #3, Anoka, Minnesota, do hereby identify the man in the picture wearing the striped suit, sitting on the left of the man with glasses as WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN or SNIDERMAN, formerly of Mpls. about 1933, '34; was connected with the Communist Party. He filed for Office of Gov. of Minn. Signed by THOMAS FOLEY of Dayton Rogers Co."

Mr. ALBERT KITTOCK, who is employed in the office of the Flour City Ornamental Iron Company, 2637 - 27th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, one of the functionaries of the Communist Party Identified the San Francisco picture of SCHNEIDERMAN as the man who was the district organizer for the Communist Party, District No.-9 and who was in Minneapolis from 1932 to 1934. In the presence of Minneapolis City Detective WILZEL FABRIZ on February 18, 1942 on the reverse side of the San Francisco photograph, Mr. KITTOCK wrote his identification as follows: "I, ALBERT KITTOCK of Mpls. do hereby identify the picture of the man wearing the striped suit in the picture on left side of man wearing glasses as WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, formerly of Mpls. Minn. Communist Party, was in Minneapolis, Minn. about from 1932 to 1934. District organizer for Communist Party 9th Dist."

Minneapolis City Detective WILZEL FABRIZ secured from the office of the City Clerk, CHARLES C. STANSON, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a photostatic copy of "Affidavit of Candidate, Primary Election, City of Minneapolis, No.-109 bearing the signature of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and his address,

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1812 First Street South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, filed April 21, 1931 establishing his candidacy for the office of alderman of the Sixth Ward in Minneapolis in the 1931 Primary Election.

Both, the above photostatic copy and the picture of SCHNEIDERMAN with the identification of THOMAS FOLEY and ALBERT KITTOCK written on the reverse side are being forwarded to the Bureau with this report.

GEORGE PIRICH, owner and occupant of 1812 First Street South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was interviewed by City Detective W. H. FABRIZ and stated that in 1931 SCHNEIDERMAN shared a room on the second floor with LOUIS RENWALL, whose present address is unknown, but who was then employed on SERA.

PAUL J. PENROD, 1924 First Street South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, WPA employee, married, with two small children, was interviewed by City Detective W. H. FABRIZ and stated that he is a tenant of GEORGE PIRICH and that he lived at 1812 First Street South, second floor across the hall from WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN in 1931 and remembered him quite well. PENROD also identified the picture of SCHNEIDERMAN as the man who was in Minneapolis in 1931. PAUL PENROD stated that in the event it is necessary to locate him in the future he can be located through his mother-in-law, Mrs. MAUDE WORCESTER, 522 - 13th Avenue South, Minneapolis, and a brother, WILLIAM TACKABERRY, 339 Third Street, S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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ENCLOSURES:

Bureau:

Affidavit of Candidate WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN for alderman, Sixth Ward, Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated 4-21-31.

International News Service photograph of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN (in company with his attorney, GEORGE ANDERSON of San Francisco) with the identification on the reverse side of THOMAS FOLEY and ALBERT KITTOCK, both of whom are from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

This case originated at NEW YORK, N. Y.

File No. 97-62

Report made at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	Date made 3/4/42	Period 2/20/42	Report made by A. D. MEHEGAN ADM:EFD
Title WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases.		Character of Case REGISTRATION ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records of the Tuley High School, Chicago, indicated that one WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN entered the high school in 1918 and left in 1919; credits sent to Los Angeles High School. Birth date shown as December 1, 1905; father - REUBEN SCHNEIDERMAN. A grade school record for the same person indicated birth place Voline, Russia. In 1916 register a different birth date of November 12, 1905 is shown.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Los Angeles dated February 16, 1942.
Chicago teletype to Bureau dated February 20, 1942.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois.

The Chicago Office was requested to trace a record of one WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN through the records of the Murray F. Tuley High School at Chicago.

This matter was referred to Miss MARY GREELEY, School Board, Chicago, Illinois, who advised that the records of the Murray F. Tuley High School showed that one WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN entered the high school September 3, 1918 and left on June 28, 1919.

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SCHNEIDERMAN'S credits were then sent to Los Angeles High School. Birth record shown as December 1, 1905; father - REUBEN SCHNEIDERMAN. This man came to the high school from Schley Elementary School, which records indicated that SCHNEIDERMAN was born in Voline, Russia. The 1916 school register shows a different birth date for SCHNEIDERMAN, as November 12, 1905. The 1917 records, however, show the same birth date as given in the high school records, namely: December 1, 1905.

A summary of this information was forwarded to the Bureau by teletype dated February 20, 1942.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

File: 65-381

Origin: SAN FRANCISCO

Made at: LOS ANGELES	Date made: 3/9/42	Period: 2/13-16/42	Made by: D. W. MAGEE GLB
Title: <u>CHANGED</u> WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases, Velvel Schneiderman, Bill Schneiderman, Bill Smithley, W. J. Williams, B. L. Williams, Wolf Schneiderman		Character: REGISTRATION ACT	
Synopsis:	<p>U.S. Naturalization records at the Federal Court Clerk's Office, Los Angeles reflect Subject born 8/1/05 at Rumanov, Russia, under name of VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN, court permitting change of name when he secured final citizenship 6/10/27. This record, however, reflects he claimed to have arrived in U.S. as WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, aboard the SS Kroonland 9/22/08. Declaration of Intention record shows discrepancy of arrival date at New York and gives his height as 5'10", whereas his actual height is 5'4". Subject attended University of California at Los Angeles from 9/13/23 to 10/1/26. This and other school records reflect that his father is RUBIN or RUEBEN SCHNEIDERMAN. Subject previously attended Los Angeles High School and John H. Francis Polytechnic High School, Los Angeles where no birthdates or family history records available, except Los Angeles High School record reflecting that he was 13 years, 9 months of age in grade B10, as of Sept. 22, 1919. Records available at Los Angeles not conclusive whether Subject identical with the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN bearing arrest number B 36028. No fingerprints of Subject available in Los Angeles area, but possibly on file at Sacramento, Calif., or St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota.</p>		
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REFERENCE: San Francisco teletype to Bureau, dated 2/13/42.
Report of Special Agent F. W. ARMSTRONG, New York,
1/27/42.

DETAILS: The title in the instant case is being changed to reflect as an alias for Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, the name WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, which appeared in his naturalization records at the Federal Court Clerk's office, Los Angeles.

The following investigation was conducted for the purpose of determining whether fingerprints were available on WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, the former Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of California, and to determine whether he was identical with an individual named WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN who was arrested by the New York Police Department, number B 36028.

The Los Angeles Police Department advised that they have no arrest record on Subject under the known names.

Captain WILLIAM F. HYNES, formerly head of the Red Squad of the Los Angeles Police Department, who assisted the Immigration and Naturalization Service in developing evidence for the prosecution against Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, stated that to his knowledge WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN has never been arrested or fingerprinted on the westcoast. Captain HYNES advised that the information concerning the arrest of the WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, New York Police Department number B 36028 did not come from him and that its original source was the AMERICAN VIGILANTE INTELLIGENCE FEDERATION of Chicago, Illinois. He stated that this information was first obtained about November, 1935 and that to his knowledge it was never conclusively shown whether the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was identical with Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN of the instant case. He stated that that issue was not particularly necessary for the action taken against Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. Captain HYNES stated that he first learned of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN about 1923 when the Subject was connected with the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE at Los Angeles. He stated that any information to the effect that the two WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMANs are identical appears to be an error although there could be a possibility that the Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is older than he has represented himself, and possibly could be identical with the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

The reference teletype reflects that Subject, when he was arrested in San Francisco, December 28, 1929, was not fingerprinted. The reference teletype reflects that the Subject, in his Selective Service questionnaire, indicated that he was born on August 1, 1905. The reference teletype reflects that the same WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, in his application for a passport on April 28, 1934, stated that he was born December 14, 1905. The reason for the variance was not known.

The WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN arrested in New York, number B 36028, was apparently born August 1, 1895.

The report of Special Agent R. C. TAYLOR, San Francisco, dated May 29, 1941, sets out leads for the interested offices to determine whether the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was identical with Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. However, a correction should be made in this report, in a statement appearing on page 24, which in substance reflects that Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, according to the Los Angeles Police Department, had a birth-date of August 1, 1895, because, as aforementioned, it was never conclusively shown that the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was identical with the Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

In an effort to determine whether the two SCHNEIDERMANS were identical, investigation was made of the high school records at Los Angeles and the school record at the University of California at Los Angeles, where the Subject had attended.

Special Agent C. H. FISCHER, Jr., in conducting an investigation at the University of California at Los Angeles, interviewed Miss MARGARET KERLIN, Secretary of the Registrar's Office, who made available the school record and personal file of Subject, which disclosed the following information:

The record reflects that he was born August 1, 1905 at Voline, Russia, and that he attended the following high schools:

In 1918 he attended Tuley High School, Chicago, Illinois.

His second year in high school, he attended the Los Angeles High School at Los Angeles, California.

His third and fourth high school years were at the John H. Francis Polytechnic High School, 400 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where he graduated in 1922.

He entered the University of California at Los Angeles on September 13, 1923 and withdrew October 1, 1926, giving as his reason the necessity of earning his livelihood. His address while attending the University was 2755-1/2 Winter Street, where he lived with his father, RUBIN. His father's occupation was listed as "tailor". The birthplace of both his father and mother was given as Voline, Russia. Subject listed as one of his former employers, J. B. JACOBS, President of Simon Levi Company, Los Angeles, where he was employed as an office clerk from 1920 to 1925.

SCHNEIDERMAN's personal file contained a letter dated February 11, 1924, in which he had petitioned the University to be exempted from military training and physical education. A photostatic copy of this letter was made and is being transmitted, herewith, as an enclosure to the Bureau. One

photostatic copy of this letter is also being forwarded herewith, as an enclosure, to the San Francisco Field Division. The University granted SCHNEIDERMAN exemption from military training on the grounds that he was not a citizen, and anonymously granted him free tuition, one of the requirements for which is that the student be a citizen of the United States.

A photostatic copy was also made of an application for an undergraduate scholarship, dated March 1, 1926, in SCHNEIDERMAN's handwriting. Photostatic copies of this application are being forwarded herewith, as enclosures, to the Bureau and the San Francisco Field Division.

On the application for an undergraduate scholarship filed at the University of California at Los Angeles by Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN on March 1, 1926, which appears in his own handwriting, he gave as his age, 20 years and 7 months; birthplace, Romanov, Russia, Los Angeles residence address, 2755-1/2 Winter Street, a resident of that district for six years; father, RUBIN SCHNEIDERMAN, tailor, same residence address. The high school attendance was given as the Tuley High School, Chicago in his first year, in 1918; his second year at Los Angeles High School, Los Angeles; his third and fourth years at Polytechnic Evening High School, Los Angeles, where he graduated in the summer of 1922.

This application reflects that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN worked for the Simon Levi Company at Los Angeles, operated by J. B. JACOBS, President, and A. P. JACOBS, Salesmanager. He claimed to have been employed there five years; two years part-time and three years full-time.

The Registrar of the Los Angeles High School, 4600 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, produced the school records on Subject, which reflect that he entered that high school September 22, 1919; gave as his residence address, 441 South Cummings Avenue, and his father as RUEBEN SCHNEIDERMAN. The record reflects that he transferred from the Murray F. Tuley High School at Chicago, Illinois and that he was 13 years and 9 months of age when he entered the Los Angeles High School. The transcript from the Murray F. Tuley High School, Chicago, Illinois was filed by FRANKLIN P. FISK, the principal, and dated October 7, 1919. At the Los Angeles High School, he entered grade B10 in the day school classes. Unfortunately, neither the transcript from the Murray F. Tuley High School or the Los Angeles High School records in 1919 carried the date or place of birth or any personal history other than the name of the parent and a notation that he was 13 years 9 months old as of his entrance in the Los Angeles High School on September 22, 1919. In commenting on his youthful age while a student in grade B10 at Los Angeles High School, the Registrar reflected that the Subject was a bit young for that grade but noted that Subject had all "A" or "B" grades while in attendance. It is noted that if the Subject were identical with the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, born in 1895, he would have been 24 years of age in 1919.

The school record of Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was checked at the John H. Francis Polytechnic Evening High School, 400 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles. Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN transferred to that

school from the Los Angeles High School and spent two years at this Polytechnic High School in the evening classes, receiving "A" grades throughout. He graduated from this high school in June, 1922. There was a notation that as of August 14, 1923, he was endeavoring to enter the University of California at Los Angeles. Unfortunately, no records were kept during the years 1920, 1921 and 1922 as to the place of birth or family history of students at the John H. Francis Polytechnic Evening High School. There is nothing on this record to reflect the Subject's age or place of birth.

The only teachers available in whose classes WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN attended were a Mrs. BERNARD, and GRACE W. LAVAYEA, both at the Los Angeles High School.

Subject, while at the John H. Francis Polytechnic Evening High School, gave as his residence address, 2755 Winter Street, Los Angeles.

It is to be recalled that Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN secured his American Citizenship in the Federal District Court at Los Angeles.

The records of the United States District Clerk, naturalization records in volume 177, page 358, on the petitions for naturalization number 18758, filed January 27, 1922, indicates that Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, under the name VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN, filed a petition for naturalization, giving his address as 2755-1/2 Winter Street, Los Angeles; born August 1, 1905 at Rumanov, Russia. This record reflects that he arrived aboard the S.S. Kroonland from Antwerp, Belgium, and arrived at New York City September 22, 1908. The record reflects that he left Antwerp about September 12, 1908 and that he has lived in the United States since September 22, 1908 and in California since September 19, 1919. Subject, in his petition for naturalization under the name VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN, requested the court to change his name to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. The witnesses to this petition for naturalization were ALBERT J. BOCK, occupation, business agent, address 2420 Brooklyn Avenue, Los Angeles; and a Miss MINNIE KARASICK, address 2728 Folsom Street, Los Angeles. As a matter of information, both ALBERT J. BOCK and MINNIE KARASICK are presently at San Francisco, the latter being known as MINNIE CARSON. There has been some statement that ALBERT J. BOCK is now deceased.

Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, under the name of VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN, filed his Declaration of Intention, number 26427, as of February 8, 1924 in the Federal District Court at Los Angeles, and this is recorded in volume 56 of the Declarations of Intention, at page 327. VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN described himself as, follows:

Age	-	18
Race	-	White
Weight	-	130 lbs.
Hair	-	Auburn
Eyes	-	Green

This record further reflects that he was single and had emigrated from Antwerp, Belgium on the Kroonland, and arrived at New York about September 1, 1907. This record further reflects that he was 5'10" in height. This height is a great discrepancy from the true height of Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, who has never been more than 5'4". This was called to the attention of Mr. HANSON, who is still one of the Clerks in the Federal District Clerk's Office, and he advised that years ago, when Declarations of Intention to become citizens were filed, the applicants were never measured for height or checked for description; that they simply copied the form that was prepared by the particular applicant. Mr. HANSON did not remember VELVEL or WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

Subject was admitted to Citizenship in the Federal District Court at Los Angeles in open court on June 10, 1927, and at that time was permitted to change his name to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. This citizenship record was filed as a record on June 18, 1927.

In all instances of aliens, a certificate of arrival is filed with the Petition for Naturalization. In the case of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, certificate of arrival number 300697 was filed on the usual United States Department of Labor form, and it described him as WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN and reflected that he arrived in the United States and reflected that he arrived in the United States aboard the Kroonland on September 22, 1908. Again a discrepancy is noted in that Subject's Declaration of Intention reflected that he arrived in New York about September 1, 1907. There is nothing in the District Court Records at Los Angeles to reflect that WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN is really identical with VELVEL or WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN except a penciled notation on the Certificate of Arrival number 300697, reflecting "VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN".

It is noted in the reference report of Special Agent F. W. ARMSTRONG that a WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, age 2, arrived at New York on the S.S. Kroonland from Antwerp, Belgium, September 22, 1908. Apparently, therefore, the Certificate of Arrival used at the Federal Court of Los Angeles is identical with the WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN at New York. The parental history of WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, described at pages 2 and 3 of the reference report of Special Agent F. W. ARMSTRONG does not, in fact, agree with the Los Angeles Federal Court history in reflecting that the father of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN also known as VELVEL and WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, is RUBIN or RUEBEN SCHNEIDERMAN. It appears important, therefore, for a Jewish translator to review the short-hand notes in the files in New York on the joint hearing concerning WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, SELIG PICKERMAN, JOSHIE SCHNEIDERMAN, and CHAWE SCHNEIDERMAN to determine whether WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN could be in fact Subject VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN alias WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

The Los Angeles Division Office has in its files a photographic copy of the fingerprints of the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, number B 36028, together with a copy of the New York Police Department arrest photograph of this individual, who apparently was arrested by Officer GROTHIER of the 6th Precinct, New York City, on August 14, 1914. This individual was described as follows:

Age	-	18 (in 1914)
Height	-	5'3-3/4"
Weight	-	118 lbs.
Build	-	Medium
Hair	-	Medium chestnut
Eyes	-	Brown
Complexion	-	Medium
Place of birth	-	Russia
Occupation	-	Laborer
Address	-	586 Prospect Avenue

Investigation at the office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, their file 23-G-6 and 246/18758 on Subject was very meager in substance. Most of the file had been sent to San Francisco in connection with the investigation and trial at that point on WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. There was, however, a copy of a report compiled by the AMERICAN VIGILANTE INTELLIGENCE FEDERATION, Chicago, Illinois, of November 6, 1935, in narrative form, reflecting that Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was first heard of in Los Angeles about July 4, 1925 when he was agitating for the Communist Party at Los Angeles in connection with a Communist organization controlled by the Communist Party in a movement called, "Hands Off China". There was a notation that on June 16, 1926, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN wrote for the first time as a special correspondent of the "DAILY WORKER", as follows:

"GEORGE RYCHMAN, W. SCHNEIDERMAN and two other student speakers addressed the large audience at the Music Arts Hall (this was in conjunction with the 'Hands Off China' movement)."

There was another notation on the report, as follows:

"WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was one of 20 Communists elected to the executive committee of the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE in Los Angeles as of April 27."

There was also a notation that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN arranged a debate between students of the University of California, Southern Branch (now University of California at Los Angeles) and functionaries of the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE. This appeared in the April 21, 1927 issue of the "DAILY WORKER" according to the aforementioned report.

This report reflects that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN transferred from Los Angeles to Connecticut in August, 1930 and stayed there until about January, 1931. This report further reflects that in May, 1931, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was arrested in Minneapolis, Minnesota following a militant May Day speech.

At this time, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN resided at 1812 First Avenue, Minneapolis. This report further reflects that SCHNEIDERMAN was arrested at South St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 23, 1933 as a public nuisance, and that he was tried in either South St. Paul or St. Paul in December, 1933, at which time the jury disagreed.

According to this report of the AMERICAN VIGILANTE INTELLIGENCE FEDERATION, SCHNEIDERMAN was taking part in the Armour and Swift Companies strike matters in South St. Paul, and attacks on this were apparently in the St. Paul "PIONEER PRESS" of November 21, 1933.

Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] has a record reflecting that Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was driving a truck in Los Angeles in 1936 for the Pacific Freight Lines; further that articles concerning WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN in connection with strike activities appear in the St. Paul "DAILY NEWS" of November 24, 1933 and the St. Paul "PIONEER PRESS" of November 21, 1933.

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The City of Los Angeles, in their public schools system, have never had a central index, and the office of the Board of Education had no record of any attendance of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN in any schools.

Additional history on Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN will be found on pages 670 to 681 and page 855 of the FISH COMMITTEE report.

ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU

- 1 photostatic copy of letter dated February 11, 1924, *see 97-26-61 (7-8)*
bearing the handwriting of Subject.
1 photostatic copy of "Application for an Undergraduate Scholarship", bearing the handwriting of Subject.

TO THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION OFFICE

- 1 photostatic copy of letter dated February 11, 1924,
bearing the handwriting of Subject.
1 photostatic copy of "Application for an Undergraduate Scholarship", bearing the handwriting of Subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK DIVISION OFFICE

AT ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK, at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, will conduct further investigation concerning WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN and others, endeavoring to have the shorthand notes transcribed, to determine the identity of the parents and relatives of WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, which in turn will determine whether the WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN record filed in the District Court at Los Angeles is valid and really identical with VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN alias WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, at the Murray F. Tuley High School, will secure all history on Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and cause a search to be made of the records of the grammar school attended by the Subject, chiefly for the purpose of identifying his parents and to determine whether he is identical with the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, bearing New York Police Department arrest number B 36028.

THE SAINT PAUL DIVISION OFFICE

AT MINNEAPOLIS AND SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, will conduct an investigation at the Police Departments concerning the two arrests of Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, described in the instant report, bearing in mind that if fingerprints were taken of the Subject during the years 1931 and 1933, it is doubtful if they were ever forwarded to the Identification Division of the Bureau. In the event fingerprints of the Subject are secured, will secure photostatic copies and transmit to the Bureau for comparison with other arrest records. It is to be noted that so far, no fingerprint records have ever been secured on Subject.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION OFFICE

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, will endeavor to ascertain whether the Subject, when and if he secured a driver's license, caused to be imprinted thereon a right thumb print. If so, a photostatic copy should be made and transmitted to the Bureau's Identification Division, where it may be determined whether this single thumb print is identical with the thumb print of the New York WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will ascertain whether the Subject filed application with the Pacific Freight Lines when he was employed there in 1936.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

61-7618

April 29, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN,
with aliases;
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

As there is no apparent reason for continuing this investigation under the classification "Registration Act", it is desired that future communications bear the character "Internal Security - R".

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Kansas City
Dallas
New Haven
New York
St. Paul
Los Angeles
Newark
Albany
Chicago
San Diego
Washington Field
Phoenix
Milwaukee
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FOR DEFENSE



97-26-68



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 12, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

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RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

There is set forth below a name and address which has been furnished to the American Censorship authorities with the request that all communications coming into or leaving the United States bearing this address, be copied.

William Schneiderman
1515 Ninth Avenue
San Francisco, California

If this address has been recently changed or is incorrectly reflected by the Bureau files, this matter should be called to the Bureau's attention.

If there are any other names or addresses or variations of spelling of a subject's name which should be placed on the Censorship Watch Lists, this matter also should be brought to the Bureau's attention.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

FOR DEFENSE



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, WA, INTERNAL SECURITY, R. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

[REDACTED] ADVISES THAT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF BROWDERS

RELEASE THIS MORNING SCHNEIDERMAN ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO MAX SILVER,
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY, AND TO ALL PARTY MEMBERS
IN THIRTEENTH DISTRICT TO WIRE THANKS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FOR
RELEASING BROWDER IN ORDER TO RELIEVE ANY PRESSURE BROUGHT BY
ANTI COMMUNIST GROUPS.

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Approved: *J.W.P.*

Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California
May 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
Communist Activities

Upon receipt of a memorandum from Agent EZELL at 10:30 AM today while I was on the Washington telephone, having just completed a conversation with Mr. Tamm, I talked to Mr. MUMFORD advising him about 10:35 AM that [redacted] had informed us that BILL SCHNEIDERMAN had issued instructions to Party members to wire the President concerning his release of EARL BROWDER in order to relieve pressure brought on the President for his action in this matter from conservative groups.

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Mr. MUMFORD stated that the Department had not as yet informed the Bureau of the action that was being taken; that they had been unable to get any data, and that they were very much interested.

I asked whether or not he knew when he was to be released, and he stated that they did not, and I informed him that our informant had told us that BROWDER was to be released Monday, having been commuted to the time served. He was pleased to get this information, and wants to be kept advised.

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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97-26-74

San Francisco, California
May 23, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 12, 1942, in the above-entitled matter wherein it is stated that the name of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 1515 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco, California, has been furnished to the American Censorship authorities for proper surveillance.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is presently residing at 1550 Ninth Avenue (not 1515), San Francisco, California, and that he is residing at this address under the alias of W. J. WILLIAMS.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the advice to the Censorship authorities be corrected to show the proper address for SCHNEIDERMAN, as well as the alias under which he is presently residing.

Very truly yours,

RJL

N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: DIRECTOR

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COMMUNIST PARTY USA INTERNAL SECURITY C.

FOLLOWING WIRE RECEIVED TODAY BY WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN FROM WILLIAM Z. FOSTER - QUOTE EARLS SENTENCE COMMUTED. MAKE NO STATEMENTS, GIVE NO INTERVIEWS, PRINT NO LEAFLETS, ORGANIZE NO MEETINGS, NO EDITORIALS UNTIL NATIONAL COMMITTEE INFORMS YOU. AVOID ALL TENDENCIES TO EXPLOIT THIS POLITICALLY. INFORM ALL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS ACCORDINGLY TODAY. "UNQUOTE.

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KING:JSS

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 12¹⁵ PM Per AL-3
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Los Angeles, California
May 7, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN alias SHERMAN;
PHILLIP M. CONNELLY;
MERVYN RATHBORNE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING;
Chairman, ROBERT W. KENNY;
ROY NEISON;
OSCAR —
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to explain the interest of the Communist Party of the State of California in the political situation of the State and particularly relative to the SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING, whose Chairman is ROBERT W. KENNY, one of the candidates for Governor of the State of California.

On April 25, 1942, the San Francisco Division Office telephonically advised that from a strictly confidential source, they had ascertained that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, the State Executive Secretary of the Communist Party, would arrive in Los Angeles on the morning of April 26, 1942 and would probably have conferences with PHILLIP M. CONNELLY and an individual known as the "old man"; further that he would probably have conferences with MERVYN RATHBORNE, who is head of the AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION and now State Secretary of the California INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL - C.I.O. By way of identification, PHILLIP M. CONNELLY is State President of the INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL as well as the Los Angeles Secretary. The purpose of the visit of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN apparently was over various editorials and articles which appeared in the newspaper on April 25, 1942. By way of further identification, the name of "SLIM" WRIGHT appeared in the subject matter and as can be seen by subsequent developments, this individual is undoubtedly identical with PHILLIP M. "SLIM" CONNELLY.

From the strictly confidential source, it was ascertained that CONNELLY and MERVYN RATHBORNE did not approve of the editorial articles of April 25, 1942. It appears that there was even some consideration of suspending a newspaper. It appears that "SLIM", undoubtedly CONNELLY, was even to see the Governor of the State on the subject matter.

Representatives of the Los Angeles Division Office, making a discreet surveillance on WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN when he arrived at Los Angeles on Sunday, April 26, 1942, developed the fact that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, who was identified by Agents who know of his person, arrived at 8:25 A.M. on the Southern Pacific train known as the Coaster, and that he was traveling in Car A, alone, under the

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name of SHERMAN. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN had no baggage other than a zipper brief case, which he guarded carefully. After having breakfast and walking around the depot, he walked to a point at 4th and Broadway, the Safety Drug Store, and then waited on the corner about 40 minutes, whereupon a car bearing 1942 California license 65 B 733 picked him up. This car is registered to PHILLIP W. CONNELLY, 5122 11th Avenue, Los Angeles.

It appears that MERVYN RATHBORNE, as of April 26, 1942, was residing at the Ravenswood Apartment Hotel, in apartment 405, at 570 North Rossmore. From a strictly confidential source it developed that both CONNELLY and RATHBORNE were greatly put out over the editorial and that SCHNEIDERMAN disclaimed responsibility for the editorial which appeared on page 3 of some newspaper. It appeared that a new article would appear in a newspaper, in substance reversing the position taken in the editorial as well as reflecting a criticism of the "old man".

Various labor papers as well as the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" were referred to to develop the subject matter and at page 3 in the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" of April 25, 1942 there appeared an article under the title, "POLITICS AS USUAL" and a subtitle, "IT BLOCKS UNITY, WARNS STATE SENATE COMMITTEE." This article in substance states that politics were holding up a political armistice between organized labor and employer groups in the interests of national unity to win the war, and quotes a statement of the STATE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING coming out of Sacramento. The article further states that negotiations broke down because of the withdrawal of one group. The three-point plank of the committee was as follows:

"1.- All employer-employee disputes to be settled by negotiations, mediation or arbitration and with jurisdictional disputes to be settled within the ranks of labor - without stoppage or slowing down.

"2.- No strikes, no picket lines, no declarations of secondary boycott or hot cargo, no lockouts, no discrimination and no threats of these weapons to enforce compliance with demands.

"3.- Removal by mutual consent of any needless political obstructions and diversions from the war, such as hot cargo, 'Ham and Eggs,' etc."

It appears that the meat of the proposal of the State Senate Committee, aforementioned, was to remove the anti-labor "hot cargo" referendum from the November State Ballot, which it is pointed out in the article, would eliminate any labor-capital clash which would disrupt the war effort, but which would require a special session of the legislature to be called by Governor OLSON. The Senate Committee members were Senator ROBERT F. KENNY, Democrat from Los Angeles, and Senator JOHN PHILLIPS, Republican from Banning, California.

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The "PEOPLE'S WORLD" in the same issue of April 25, 1942, had an article on the CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE headed by ROBERT W. KENNY, which the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" stated "was supposed to be probing 'economic planning.'" This editorial accused the KENNY COMMITTEE at Fresno, California, of having a choice lot of anti-union type witnesses, including representatives of the Associated Farmers and of the Farm Bureau Federation.

The editorial drew the conclusion that the opinion of these witnesses was the opinion of ROBERT W. KENNY and particularly with reference to the labor crisis in farm labor. This editorial was particularly concerned that Mr. KENNY'S COMMITTEE gave such little heed to the farm labor problem, particularly unionized farm labor. This editorial suggested that the KENNY COMMITTEE, if it was interested in probing what is holding back food production, should explore the workings of the pro-rate setups, particularly those being engineered by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

The "PEOPLE'S WORLD", the San Francisco Communist newspaper, on the first page of its issue of April 27, 1942, in large type, had an article headed, "WE OWE APOLOGY TO KENNY COMMITTEE." The article refers to the aforementioned editorial in the issue of April 25, 1942 and is a regret concerning the editorial which the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" states did an injustice to KENNY and to Senator PHILLIPS of the STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING. This article of April 27, 1942 further states that the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" has ascertained that the KENNY COMMITTEE has been consulting with organized labor. The "PEOPLE'S WORLD" states that it welcomes the attempts of the KENNY COMMITTEE to bring together industry, agriculture and labor. This article, however, still refers to the pro-rate situation in the State of California and suggests that the KENNY COMMITTEE explore this phase.

It is known from a strictly confidential source that the Communist Party in the State of California intends to back the candidate for Governor who will have the largest following in both the A.F.L. and C.I.O. Unions. It is reported that the A.F.L. is supporting the incumbent CULBERT OLSON, and it is well known that the C.I.O. has had friendly relationships with Governor OLSON. The attack, therefore, on Senator KENNY, who is to be a candidate for Governor, must have had some connection with a program of intended support of Governor OLSON in the gubernatorial race.

The importance of the entire situation afore-described, is reflected in the connection shown between PHILLIP W. "SLIM" CONNELLY, State President and Los Angeles Secretary of the C.I.O. INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL, and of the connection of MERVYN RATHBONE, State Secretary of the INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL, with such Communist leadership as WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

Director

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May 7, 1942

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, WA, ET AL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

I am forwarding herewith, as enclosures, clippings of the three articles of the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" referred to herein.

Very truly yours,

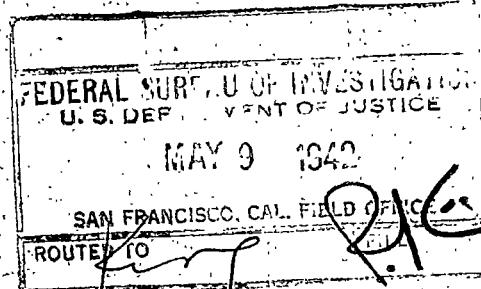
R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA			File No. 65-112 mh
Report made at ALBANY, NEW YORK	: Date when made : 5-27-42 :	: Period for which made : 2-9-42 :	: Report made by : K. I. ROMAINE, SEA :
Title WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases	Character of case : REGISTRATION ACT -		

Synopsis of Facts: New York State Division of Parole organized from New York State Department of Correction 1930. Failed to reflect background of Subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. W. ARMSTRONG, dated 1/27/42 at New York City.

DETAILS: AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

WILLIAM A. FLETCHER, Parole Officer, New York State Division of Parole, produced what records were available. He advised the Division of Parole had been in existence since 1930. The records reflect that Subject was received at Sing Sing Prison, September 24, 1914 as WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, No. 65013, under sentence for having received stolen property. Information also contained in the file records indicate Subject had been confined in the Jewish Protectorate for a minor crime. Records further reflect that he was paroled on September 23, 1915 in the custody of a Mrs. BOOTH. At the time of his parole, he had bad blood, exact meaning of this unknown.

There is no other information contained in Subject's file. Mr. FLETCHER advised the complete record of Subject would be at Sing Sing Prison at Ossining, New York. He advised the Division of Parole had been organized from the New York State Department of Correction in 1930.

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U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

CF 12085

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ABSTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FILE

Date 2-8-43

1. NAME SCHNEIDERMAN, William (SIN)

Entered U. S. under name of Same

Other aliases, maiden name Velvel Schneiderman

2. ADDRESS: Last known 187 19th Ave., or 101 Cough St., San Francisco, Calif.

Former addresses in U. S. _____

3. PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Birthplace Romanev, Russia (SIN)

Date of birth 8-1-05 Race of people _____ Height _____

Weight _____ Complexion _____ Color hair _____

Color eyes _____ Marks _____

4. ARRIVAL IN U. S. from _____ Vessel _____

Port of arrival New York, N.Y. Date entered _____

5. ABSENCES FROM U. S.: Place _____ Dates _____

Place _____ Dates _____

6. NATIONALITY: Country U.S. Formerly Russia

Declaration No. _____ Court _____ Date _____

Petition No. _____ Court _____ Date _____

Certificate No. 2608994 U.S. Dist. Los Angeles, Calif. Date 6-10-27

7. FAMILY: Spouse _____

Children _____

Parents _____

8. OCCUPATION _____

Present employer: Name _____

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10. MILITARY SERVICE: Country _____

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11. POLICE RECORD:

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12. FRIENDS, witnesses, other relatives, acquaintances, etc.:

Name	Address	Date
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13. FILES THAT RELATE 246-0-3603994

14. AGENCY INTERESTED SEU

15. REMARKS Certificate of citizenship cancelled June 13, 1940 for reason it was obtained illegally and fraudulently. An appeal has been filed in the case.

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LOS ANGELES	7/23/42	1/2; 7/20/42	MAX E. SATER rid
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases		INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: File reviewed and case referred upon completion to the office of origin inasmuch as investigation concerning HORTENSE and GERTRUDE ALLISON is reported in separate cases of the Los Angeles office and there are no outstanding leads with regard to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, a resident of San Francisco, California.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 61-7618

Reports of Special Agent D. W. Magee, Los Angeles, 3/9/42 and W. M. Bott, June 18, 1940, at Los Angeles.
Bureau letter to San Francisco April 29, 1942.

DETAILS: A review of instant file reflects that investigation in the Los Angeles Field Division was instituted to develop information with regard to the alleged storage of guns, ammunition and first aid supplies by Mrs. HORTENSE ALLISON, her daughter Mrs. GERTRUDE ALLISON, with aliases and others, under the direction of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California State Secretary of the Communist Party and Secretary of District #13 of the Communist Party - U.S.A. The names of HORTENSE and GERTRUDE ALLISON were dropped from the title of this case in the report of Special Agent D. W. Magee dated March 19, 1942, inasmuch as investigation to ascertain their whereabouts, both having been considered for custodial detention, is reported in the case entitled "HORTENSE ALLISON, with aliases; Internal Security-R" Los Angeles file 1009769 and "GERTRUDE ALLISON, with aliases; Internal Security-R", Los Angeles file 100-8938, respectively.

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Reference report of Special Agent W. M. Bott dated June 18, 1940, at Los Angeles, set out a lead to maintain close contact with Confidential Informant N and the Long Beach Police Department, for the purpose of developing information concerning the place where the guns, ammunition and first aid supplies were allegedly stored by HORTENSE and GERTRUDE ALLISON and others, under SCHNEIDERMAN's direction. Agent Bott maintained contact with this informant and the Long Beach Police Department for a considerable period following the date of the mentioned report, with negative results.

On January 2, 1942, reporting Agent contacted Contacts O, P, Q and R of the Long Beach Police Department, Anti Subversive Detail, and ascertained there had been no developments in this case since the date of the above mentioned report.

Confidential Informant N was contacted and Special Agent J. R. Kennedy, on January 2, 1942, was advised similarly. It is not deemed that further investigation along this line will be productive.

Reference report of Special Agent D. W. Magee, dated March 9, 1942, set out a lead for this office to ascertain whether subject had filed an application with the Pacific Freight Lines, when he was employed there in 1936, the purpose of such investigation being to ascertain whether the WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN who is the California Communist leader and subject of instant case is identical with the WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN who was fingerprinted upon receipt at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on September 24, 1914. Information obtained since the date of this report reflects a wide discrepancy between the fingerprint classification of the Sing Sing inmate (set out on page 6 of the report of Special Agent F. W. Armstrong dated January 27, 1942 at New York City - Los Angeles file 65-381, serial 166) and the fingerprints of an individual fingerprinted by the Minneapolis Police Department and believed identical with the California Communist leader (as set out in the report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy dated March 4, 1942, at St. Paul). It is felt therefore, that it is unnecessary to cover the lead set out in reference report.

It is noted that Subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN resides in San Francisco and that most of his activities are centered in that area.

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CONTACT N:

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Contact O:

Inspector T. A. WISHON
Long Beach Police Department
Long Beach, California

CONTACT P:

Inspector ANDERSON
Long Beach Police Department
Long Beach, California

CONTACT Q:

Inspector STAN WHITE
Long Beach Police Department
Long Beach, California

CONTACT R:

F. L. SMITH
Long Beach Police Department
Long Beach, California



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

61-7618

August 1, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, wa;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Dear Sir:

There is set forth below a name and address which has been furnished to the American Censorship authorities with the request that all communications coming into or leaving the United States bearing this address, be copied.

William Schneiderman
1550 Ninth Avenue
San Francisco, California

W. J. Williams
1550 Ninth Avenue
San Francisco, California

If this address has been recently changed or is incorrectly reflected by the Bureau files, this matter should be called to the Bureau's attention.

If there are any other names or addresses or variations of spelling of a subject's name which should be placed on the Censorship Watch Lists, this matter also should be brought to the Bureau's attention.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

FOR DEFENSE



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San Francisco, California
August 14, 1942

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE FOUND IN THE EXHIBIT ENVELOPE OF THIS FILE:

1. Mail tracings on Louise Todd, Leo Baroway, Wm. Schneiderman, Ella Reeve Bloos, and San Francisco YCL, all at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California.
2. Mail tracings on Rudy Lambert, Miss Mary Himoff (% Schneiderman), Leo Baroway, Louise Todd, Mr. Tom Esteneovovich, Lil Dankin (or Dinkin), 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California.
3. Mail tracing on Harry Allinger, and Wm. Schneiderman, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California. Received August 22, 1942.
4. Mail tracing on W. J. Williams, 1550 - 9th Avenue, Apt. 3, San Francisco, California.
5. One copy of the transcription of the notes of Mr. N. M. Stimpson. Received 9/29/42.
6. Mail tracing on W. J. Williams, 1550 - 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California. Received September 30, 1942.
7. Mail tracings on W. J. Williams, 1550 - 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California.
8. Mail tracings on Leo Baroway, State Committee, Mrs. Felice Clarke, % Communist Party Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California.
9. One copy of notes by Mr. N. M. Stimpson, received from New York Field Division. Rec. 1/8/43.
10. Mail tracings on Mr. Leo Barroway and Peoples World Daily, of 121 Height Street, San Francisco, Calif. Received 1-30-43.
11. One photostatic copy of an Application for Supplemental Mileage Ration for LEO BAROWAY 21A Nordhoff St., San Francisco, Calif. Rec'd 1-24-43. *eh*

*Received 11/15/48
VWK*

*Received to
6-1-395-1A (2)
WVK*

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FILE NO.
NY 65-1462 JRB

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/22/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/1; 9/11/42	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT R. GRANVILLE
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with alias		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Transcription of shorthand notes of minutes of the hearing of Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization September 24, 1908^{which} indicated WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN entered the United States on board the S.S. Croonland at the Port of New York, set forth.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. Magee dated March 9, 1942 at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Frederick W. Armstrong on July 1, 1942:

Mr. N. M. Stimpson of the Legal Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island, New York furnished Special Agent Armstrong with a transcript of the shorthand notes of a hearing held before the board of special inquiry at Ellis Island, New York City on September 24, 1908.

Transcription of the notes of Mr. Stimpson are set forth as follows:

"Lloyd - 94.

**RECORD OF HEARING
before a
BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY**

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" NAMES OF ALIENS

Schneiderman, Shawe, 24, fem. Married held at
Ellis Island
N.Y. H., N.Y.
" Wolf, 2, male. Russia
(Mitchell, Inspector.) DATE: Sept. 24, 1908
Piekerman, Selig, 47, male, married. Russia PRESENT: INSP. Weldon (Chairman)
(Fitz Insp. (Fitzgerald) Smiley and Detweiler. (?)
Schneiderman, Josbie, 44, male,
married. Russia.(Mitchell, Insp.) INT. Detweiler.

B.S.I. No. 111. Secretary, Raymond S. Lloyd.
Arrived (date and manner) 'Kroonland', Red Star Line, 9/22
Held by: Mitchell Cause:
& Fitzgerald. LPC. Phys. Def.

Shawe Schneiderman with father.

Receipt shows \$10 with affidavit. (Wired collect)

Selig Piekerman. Receipt shows \$10 with affidavit. Also family of No. 1.

Josbie Schneiderman. Receipt shows \$10.

By Inspector Detweiler. (?)

In view of the affidavit and money received I move to admit the aliens to proceed to their destination. Josbie Schneiderman being destined to his four children in Chicago, accompanied by the wife and one of his sons, and the said wife is accompanied by her father, a jeweler (?) by occupation, who are sending for him.

By Inspector Smiley.

The Board deferred these aliens for an affidavit in behalf of the two aliens who are certified - Selig Piekerman and Josie Schneiderman. An affidavit has been received from the son of Schneiderman in behalf of his father. I second the motion to admit the wife and child and the father. The alien Selig Piekerman is certified by the Medical Division as having a lack of physical development, which will affect his ability to earn a living. No affidavit being received in his behalf, I vote to exclude as likely to become a public charge, in view of his certified condition.

By Inspector Weldon. (Chairman)

They have relatives and someone to go to, and I believe that they will not become a public charge, and I vote to admit.

ALL ALIENS ADMITTED
(On majority opinion)

Board adjourns 4:40 P.M.

R. S. Lloyd, Secretary."

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"(Transcript of the minutes of the Hearing from the stenographic record of stenographer Lloyd, made May 29, 1942, by N. M. Stimpson)

(This is not an entirely satisfactory transcript on account of the age of the stenographic notes, which make them somewhat illegible, and the outlines in some cases are not well formed. However, as a whole it is correct)

N. M. Stimpson"

A copy of the above transcribed notes is being forwarded to the San Francisco Field Division as an enclosure with this report. The original and one other copy of this transcription are being retained in the files of this office.

There being no further investigation outstanding, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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ENCLOSURES: To the San Francisco Field Division:

1 copy of the transcription of the notes of Mr. N. M. Stimpson.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Date: November 6, 1942

To: SAC, San Francisco

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: INTERNAL SECURITY, CUSTODIAL DETENTION LIST

There are listed below for your information tentative dangerousness classifications on Custodial Detention Subjects who are located in your territory.

NAME AND ADDRESS CLASSIFICATION

Schneiderman, William, with alias
1550 -9th Avenue
San Francisco, California

150-3575 Schmitzer, Carl B-2
c/o Fisher Body Company
Oakland, California

61-65
39-30 Schmidt, Heinrich, with aliases
1156 Sanches Street
San Francisco, California A-1

65-1261 Schlanze, Ferdinand Hugo Friedrich A-2
With aliases
744 Lakewood Avenue
San Francisco, California

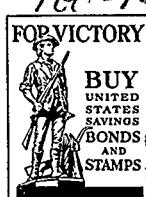
165-1707 Schall, Walter Henrich
1978 Alemany
San Francisco, California A-2

Todd, Rosalie
311 Joost Street
San Francisco, California

100-1416 Studevant, Joseph, with aliases
FOR VICTORY

2265 83rd Avenue
Oakland, California

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NY FILE NO. 65-1162 NEW

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/21/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/2, 4/42	REPORT MADE BY FREDERICK L. SCOTT
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with alias		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Transcription of hearing at Ellis Island 9/23/08 set forth.

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See 97-26-79(4)

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Robert H. Granville dated September 22, 1942, at New York City.

DETAILS:

Mr. N. M. Stimpson of the Legal Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island, New York, furnished reporting Agent with a transcript of the shorthand notes of the hearing held before the Special Board of Inquiry at Ellis Island, New York, on September 23, 1908.

Transcription of the notes of Mr. Stimpson are set forth as follows:

"Goldfarb - 45.

"Record of Hearing

before a

Board of Special Inquiry

held at

Ellis Island, New York Harbor, N.Y.

Date: September 23, 1908

Present: Insp. Semsey (Chairman)

Eppler and Smiley. (Members)

Int. Insp. Semsey

Russian Hebrews.

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"B.S.I. No. . . .
Arrived (date and manner):
Held by:
Insp. Mitchel
Insp. Fitzgerald

Irving J. Goldfarb, Secretary
(Stenographer)
Cause: LPC. Lack of Ph. Development.
(Transcription of minutes of Hearing,
from stenographic record, made by
N.M. Stimpson, October 31, 1942)

EX SS "Kroonland", R. S., September 22, 1908.

LPC. Dr's Certificate - Lack of Physical development which affects ability to earn a living.

Fitzgerald (Inspector) (Selig Peckerman)
Russ. Heb.

LPC. Ex ss 'Kroonland', R. S. September 22, 1908, Mitchel (Inspector)
Drs. Certificate. Hernia - (right,) Inguinal - oblique (Z) and
Lack of physical development, which affects ability to earn a living.
(Joshil Schneiderman)

Russ. Heb.

LPC. Mitchel (Inspector)
Russ. Heb.

ALIENS, sworn by (Chairman) Testified:

By Chairman (To Chawe Schneiderman)

Q. What is your name and age?
A. Chawe Schneiderman - 24

Q. Who is travelling with you?

A. My child, Wolf - 2. My father, Selig Peckerman, 47, and my father-in-law, Joshil Schneiderman, 44 years old.

Q. Anyone else travelling with you?
A. No.

Q. Where were you born
A. Russia

Q. Are you married or single?
A. I am married. My husband, Rubin, (Schneiderman) is in Chicago.

Q. Have you any other children?
A. No

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"(To the Father-In-Law)

- Q. Where is your wife?
A. In Russia

- Q. Have you any children? in the United States

A. Three sons and one son-inlaw. The son-in-law's name is Rashvold.
Sons, Toria, Rubin, and Modosh (Wodosh) One over in Russia.

- Q. What is your wife's name?

A. Rochel.

(To the Father)

- Q. Are you married?
A. Yes, My wife, Jocheivel is in Russia.

- Q. Have you any other children?

A. None, except this one travelling with me.

(To all)

- Q. Do you read and write
A. My father can.

- Q. What vessel did you arrive on, and from what port?

A. 'Kroonland' from Antwerp.

- Q. Who paid the passages?

A. My husband paid my passage. My father paid his own passage. My father-in-law's passage was paid by his children in the United States.

- Q. What is your occupation?

A. Housewife. My father-in-law is a tailor. Father is also a tailor.

- Q. Ever in this country before?

A. No

- Q. To whom are you going?

A. Myself and father are going to my husband, Rubin Schneiderman. in care of H. Rikowsky & Co., 324 West 12th Street, Chicago, Illinois. My father-in-law is going to his son, Toria Schneiderman, at the same address.

- Q. Have you tickets to destination?

A. Yes

- Q. How much money have you?

A. None

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"Q. How do you expect to go to Chicago without any money?
A. I intend to be admitted to my husband, who will send us money.

Q. How long has your husband been in the United States?
A. 3½ years.

Q. What is his business?
A. Tailor.

(To the father-in-law)

Q. How long has your children been in the United States?
A. Here four years.

Q. Have they been contributing towards your support?
A. Yes.

(To the father)

Q. What do you expect to do in the United States to maintain yourself?
A. I am a tailor. I intend to earn my living working as a tailor.

By Inspector Smiley.

I move to defer for the Board to telegraph for affidavits for both of the elder aliens, and also \$10 in money.

(Seconded - Unanimous)

DEFERRED.

Irving J. Goldfarb
Secretary

Transcription of the record of the
Hearing made from the stenographic
notes of Secretary Goldfarb, by N. M.
Stimpson
/s/ N. M. Stimpson, Oct. 31/42."

One copy of the transcription of the notes by Mr. N. M. STIMPSON
are being forwarded to the San Francisco Field Division.

ENCLOSURE TO SAN FRANCISCO: One copy of transcription of notes by Mr. N. M.
Stimpson.

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San Francisco, California
December 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: [redacted]

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POSSIBLE COMMUNIST INFORMANT.

Serial 83 of this file, which is a letter from the above individual to "Prosecutor, U. S. Supreme Court, San Francisco, California" and which was submitted to this office by serial 83, has been transmitted to New York by letter from this office dated December 30, 1942.

MARIE DACHS
Stenographer.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO

November 16, 1942.

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
111 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California.

S I R:

Re: U.S. vs. Schneidermann. Letter of [redacted]
[redacted]

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Transmitted herewith is copy of a letter received
in this office, for your appropriate attention.

Respectfully,

Frank J. Hennessy
FRANK J. HENNESSY,
United States Attorney.

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San Francisco, California
December 30, 1942

SAC, NEW YORK

RE: [redacted]

POSSIBLE COMMUNIST INFORMANT

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Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith copy of a letter under date of November 8, 1942 signed by the above individual which indicates he may possibly have information in his possession relative to the Communist Party.

This letter was received in this office from the office of the United States Attorney in San Francisco and is being forwarded to you for whatever action you may desire to take concerning the possible use of [redacted] as an informant.

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Very truly yours,

[Signature]

N. J. L. PIEPER
SAC

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FCZ:GMP
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NEW YORK CITY

DECEMBER 30th, 1942

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN WAS - REGISTRATION ACT. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

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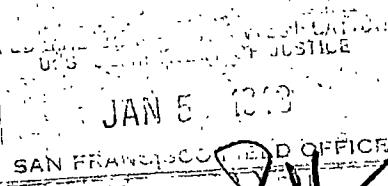
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT CAROL KING CONTACTED ROBERT MINOR AT WHICH TIME

CAROL STATED THAT SHE IS OF THE OPINION THAT A DECISION WILL BE HANDED DOWN ON HER CASE FOR WHICH SHE GOT A VERY PROMINENT ATTORNEY TO ARGUE AND THAT SHE WANTS THE DAILY, PROBABLY DAILY WORKER, TO WRITE A GOOD STORY FOR WHICH SHE WILL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND. IT IS BELIEVED THAT CAROL WAS PROBABLY REFERRING TO SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED.

FOXWORTH

REC'D: 11:30 AM
TYPED: 11:45 AM

cc San Francisco
cc 100-4931



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SCHNEIDERMAN, William
San Francisco, California

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Ref: 3ND card 12-4-42, Communist Party
Conference

Reference card indicates that Subject was listed in the Daily Worker of 12-3-42 as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party who attended a "national conference" of Party leaders in New York City on 12-1-42.

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SCHNEIDERMAN, William
121 Haight St.,
San Francisco, California

SND
X44269

Ref: SND card 12-5-42, Communist Party -
District Addresses

Reference card indicates that Subject is
the person in charge of the District head-
quarters of the Communist Party at the above
address. Rating A.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Report made at: SAN FRANCISCO	Date Made: 1/18/43	Period 12/27, 28, 29/42	Report made by: WILLIAM F. GIESSEN aam
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Title:

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases

Character of case:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

SYNOPSIS:

Subject's citizenship case still pending before the United States Supreme Court. Subject still resides at 1550 9th Avenue, Apartment 3, San Francisco. Information in Selective Service Questionnaire set forth revealing that subject states therein that he is employed as Secretary of the Communist Party of California. This employment status reiterated in Occupational Questionnaire filed with Local Board 10/8/42. Informants report that subject is still the leading figure in the Communist Party on the West Coast and travels quite extensively in connection with Party work. Subject obtained divorce from REGINA SCHNEIDERMAN in 1937. No record of subject's marriage to present wife LEAH on file in Public Recorder's Office in San Francisco.

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97-26-89

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ROBERT C. TAYLOR dated 5/29/41 at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

A continued observation of the San Francisco newspapers reveals that subject's citizenship case is still pending before the United States Supreme Court.

[redacted] advised in April of 1942 that subject had received advice from his New York Attorney CAROL KING that his citizenship case in the Supreme Court would probably go over until the fall and as stated above no further information indicating any action in this matter has come to the attention of this office.

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A check at the Selective Service Boards in San Francisco revealed that subject is registered at Local Draft Board #85 in San Francisco where he is order number 847. A review of his Selective Service Questionnaire reveals that he is registered at said board under the name of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, residing at 1550 9th Avenue, Apartment 3, San Francisco. His Social Security number is 545-22-9713.

Subject stated in this questionnaire that he had no physical or mental defects; that he had attended the University of California at Los Angeles for two and one half years and took a course of study in letters and sciences.

In the section of the questionnaire devoted to "Occupation or Activity" subject states he is the Secretary of a political organization doing executive and administrative work for the Communist Party of California at 121 Height Street, San Francisco. He states that he has done this kind of work for ten years. Subject stated that he has no other occupational experience.

In the section devoted to dependency subject states that he is married and that he married his present wife LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN at San Francisco on December 3, 1939. He states that his wife is twenty-seven years of age and that he began supporting her with full support in December of 1939.

In the section devoted to citizenship subject stated that he was born at Rumanov, Russia, on August 1, 1905 and that he is at present a citizen of the United States. He states that

he has not been convicted of any treason or felony. This questionnaire was subscribed and sworn to on the tenth day of February, 1941. Subject was classified in 3-A on February 28, 1941.

An examination of the subject's Selective Service file reveals that it contains an "Occupational Questionnaire" in which subject states that the job in which he is now working is State Secretary of a political party doing executive work, also directing election campaigns for Party candidates, doing additional activity in support of the nation's war effort. He states that his employer is the Communist Party of California, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California. This Occupational Questionnaire is dated October 8, 1942 and is certified by ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman of the Communist Party of California, and signed by LOUISE TODD, per ANITA WHITNEY.

An abundance of information concerning subject's activities and contacts has been received from [redacted] and is not being set forth in full in this report inasmuch as subject has previously testified at his citizenship hearing that he is a member of the Communist Party and had been for several years and inasmuch as the present employment status of the subject as reported by him in his Selective Service file is that of State Secretary of the Communist Party. [redacted] reports however that subject is still the leading functionary of the Communist Party in this area.

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Source A reports that subject was in a long conference with STEVE NELSON, California Communist Party functionary, and ROY HUDSON, National Party Functionary from New York.

On July 6, 1942 Source A also reported that subject took over all of the work formerly done by WALTER LAMBERT. LAMBERT was the State Labor Director for the Communist Party and is presently in the Army.

Source B reported that subject made arrangements with GEORGE ANDERSEN, Communist Party Attorney, to discuss the plans for a motion on behalf of the Communist Party to intervene in the BRIDGES deportation proceedings. It is mentioned incidentally that this motion was made in the District Court in Sacramento, California, in September of 1942 and was denied.

Following is a record of subject's travels as reported by Source C, all of which was apparently done in connection with his official duties as a Communist Party functionary. Subject was in Los Angeles during October of 1941 from approximately the

10th to the 14th. Subject also went to Los Angeles on November 8, 1941 and in April of 1942 subject went to New York to attend the national committee meeting of the Nationalist Party. Informant advised that subject planned to stop in Seattle, Washington, on the way back. He arrived in San Francisco in the middle of April. On April 26, 1942 subject went to Los Angeles. He again went to Los Angeles on May 6, 1942. Subject made a reservation for June 5, 1942 to Los Angeles and was reported to be leaving for New York on September 9, 1942.

It is noted that subject claimed that he was married at San Francisco on December 3, 1939 in his Selective Service Questionnaire. A check of the indicies of the San Francisco County Recorder's Office failed to reveal any record of a marriage of any person named WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN or WILLIAMS, the name under which subject is residing at his present address, for the year 1939 or 1940. A check of the Marriage License Bureau records fails to reveal the issuance of a license under the name of SCHNEIDERMAN for the years 1937 through 1941. In connection with this information it is mentioned that under the California laws it would be possible for a man to be married by the Minister of a Church without obtaining a license for a legal marriage, if this civil ceremony is for the purpose of legalizing what had formerly been a common law marriage, such marriages are not recorded and do not require the issuance of a license. Respecting the absence of any record of subject's marriage in the Recorder's Office it is pointed out that Church marriages are not recorded in these dockets.

A check of the files in the County Clerk's Office revealed that subject filed a divorce proceeding on November 4, 1936 against REGINA SCHNEIDERMAN. This proceeding bears the number 269751. Subject's attorneys at this proceeding were GLADSTEIN and GROSSMAN. The complaint on this action alleges that the couple were married on September 6, 1927 in Los Angeles and became separated in July of 1928 when defendant deserted the plaintiff. The defendant in this action, REGINA, was served by an order of publication which alleged that she was residing in New York at an unknown address. The final divorce decree was signed January 27, 1937 and was made by motion alleging the failure of the defendant to appear in this action.

In view of the information supplied by informants enabling this office to keep current on subject's Communistic activities it has been deemed inadvisable at this time to cover the remaining leads set out in the reference report.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will keep advised through informants as to subject's activities and report the same from time to time.

Will consult with the proper officials at subject's draft board with a view towards having them make inquiry regarding subject's marital status inasmuch as subject stated in his questionnaire that he was married at San Francisco on December 3, 1939 and no record of this fact has been found in the Recorder's Office and no record of the issuance of a license to the subject was found in the Marriage License Bureau, San Francisco.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Sources A, B, and C are [redacted]

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California

DISCUSSION

Ship building methods - British production 2 to 2½ times as productive per capita than ours -

Hoarding of labor) lack of plan

Pirating labor)

Labor freezing - only freezes unsatisfied

CIO proposals

Labor pool

Central hiring - U S Employment Service - hiring halls integrated

Halt enlistments - train replacements

Employment and stabilization committees:

Halt pirates

Fight absenteeism

Equal status women - Negroes

Labor pool - farm labor shortages

CIO has raised problems

Our job - get Party position forward indep.

Labor management committees

Sub committees for depts & ---

Kenny's good record in war work in industry and agriculture won him re-election

Attitude towards Warren admin. of labor

In course of campaign Warren made many commitments. What is necessary - work out concrete proposals to better war effort. Judge new administration by performance. Guard against sectarian approach.

Underestimated Warren's slogan of "non-partisanship" - appealed to people as break with politics-as-usual -

Crystallize Willkie forces - win to hold pro-war position - to a fight with defeatist elements in Republican party.

Labor - unity; abolish narrow pure labor "approach"
have to take up issues affecting other sections population - viz. farmers.

Party helped influence tone of campaign

Party vote

AH(?) 100000

HEY 80000 to 90000 Congress votes grow

PERRY 50,000

1) Why not larger Party vote? Didn't make clear how CP vote could help war effort - gap between sympathizers and actual voting -

2) Organized precinct work brought better results - less precinct work done

3) Independent role CP not as clear today as when we led strike struggles and unemployed movement.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
- DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

100-3-36

Date: February 5, 1943

To: SAC, San Francisco

From: J. Edgar Hoover Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CUSTODIAL RETENTION

There is transmitted herewith information taken from the note book of Ned Sparks, Secretary of the Communist Party of Wisconsin, concerning a discussion by the subject, which notes were taken at the National Committee meeting of the Communist Party in New York City on November 29 and 30 and December 1, 1942.

It will be noted that Schnederman briefly referred to the political attitude to be adopted by the Party in California especially in so far as Governor Earl Warren is concerned.

This material is submitted for your information and possible assistance in connection with the instant investigation and the investigation of general Communist Party activities in your Field Office District.

Inclosure #1

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES SACTO
MEETING AT IOOF HALL, FEB. 5
1943 - WM. SCHNEIDERMAN
SPEAKER.

ON Feb. 5, 1943 at 5:30 pm William Schneiderman arrived in Sacramento and was met by ~~Elsie~~ and ~~Jack~~ Crane. Schneiderman spoke at a meeting held at the Odd Fellow Hall 9th & K St. title of the speech was "PRODUCTION FOR VICTORY". It was sponsored by the Weekly Book Forum Club and was in commemoration of Lenin Memorial. Ernest Rudolph Kindler attended the meeting after purchasin a ticket from Nora Conklin at the Progressive Book Store. He said the meeting was attended by about 150 people. Person he knew that were present were: Elsie Crane-chairman, ~~Jack~~ Crane, ~~Nora~~ Conklin, ~~Mike~~ Tremayne, ~~Mrs. Margaret Hughes(nee McConnell)~~, Walter (Swede) Ecklund, ~~Marie~~ Ecklund, ~~presideht~~ of CIO(name unknown), a big negro(probably Bill Williams), a Col. Stephens of the Spanish Loyalist Army, also a Sargeht in the US Army, several other negroes, and three Red Cross representetives who put on a demosration.

Kindler said the speech was along the " we need more production lines".

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Schneiderman ~~remmned~~ from Sacramento by train the same nite.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter E. Moehle
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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

February 15, 1943

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Record L 955-5 3:17 PM from: CAROL KING (Incoming)
to: BOB MINOR

CAROL: I got Mr. WILLKIE'S partner, Mr. OWEN, to call the Supreme Court and he says that the clerk read him the order on the phone and it merely set the case down for argument March 8, 1943.

BOB: Now let me get this straight. That is that the story we got on the MINOR: wire is not a correct story.

C: I don't know. It may be correct.

M: But if so, it's not supported by any official record that is known.

C: Yeah. The only thing the record shows is an order to reargue March 8th. The new thing is the date. Do you want me to call the DAILY (WORKE!) or will you call them?

M: I will tell them, but what is the date?

C: March 8th. See, that's pretty close.

M: Well, is there anything that is an inevitable conclusion from this order?

C: No.

M: It merely shows that they do not feel that the matter has been sufficiently presented for them to reach a decision.

C: It may mean that and it may mean that they want the new judge to participate in the decision; it may mean that they have not made up their own minds and they want to think it over again. I do not think it wise to suggest that they want to hear more than they have heard. I think we should take the position, insofar as we say anything, that the whole thing has been adequately presented. I think you don't have to say anything, but you certainly shouldn't say that they want to hear more.

M: All right. I'll tell them this and then we'll see about it. And you don't know any reason why we shouldn't quote WILLKIE'S first... (statement).

C: I certainly do not, if you make it perfectly clear what it is.

M: Okay.

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February 15, 1943

Record L 955-1 2:36 PM from: CAROL KING
(Incoming) to: BOB MINOR

CAROL: I think that information about four to four is incorrect. I just thought I ought to tell you.

BOB: How do you figure that it is incorrect.

C: BUDENZ (ph) just had me on the wire and he said that the UNITED PRESS dispatch said that that's what the newspaper men thought and in view of the fact that the particular individual didn't sit and didn't listen to the argument, I just think that they just ordered a re-argument. But that there wasn't a four to four split, so that the proposition I had in mind goes out the window. I just didn't want you to go barking up that tree for nothing.

B: Okay. I'm glad that you told me.

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From: CAROL KING
To: BOB MINOR

2/15/43
2:26 pm

CK: Do you know what the Supreme Court did?

BM: They split 4-4 on the SCHNEIDERMAN case.

CK: Yeah. The reason I think something should be done by the Daily - I'm not sure about this, but thought I would take it up with you, is the fact that JACKSON disqualifed himself on the petition for certiorari and didn't listen to the argument but apparently voted against us when the thing went 4 to 3.

BM: Well, well. How do you figure that by figuring the noses? Couldn't be 4-4 unless he was there.

CK: Unless he sat.

BM: Because the other fellow - the new man was not in it.

CK: And you see BYRNES was all ready sitting on the other board and I think there ought to be a blast on JACKSON. I don't know but I am leaving that to you. But here is a guy that did not sit on the petition for certiorari who didn't listen to the argument - and he apparently put in his ten cents.

BM: He didn't listen to the arguments and he disqualified himself?

CK: On the petition for certiorari. The Supreme Court reports indicate that he did not participate.

BM: And did he give grounds?

CK: No, but it was understood at the time and the newspapers all carried the story that he was disqualified because the case....

BM: (interrupting) that it was his initiative in the first place.

CK: Yeah.

BM: As Attorney General.

CK: That's right.

BM: Are you sure of that point?

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CK: I am sure that as a matter of cold fact that he did not initiate it - that it was initiated under MURPHY but that he was the guy under whom the thing was tried and proceeded to its fate.

BW: He was Attorney General when the case was tried? In which court.

CK: In the U. S. District Court out in California.

BW: And his jurisdiction over the whole of the D. of J. (Department of Justice) would be the basis of disqualification?

CK: Yes.

BW: Is it a slightly questionable matter?

CK: I think it is very questionable particularly since he did not sit during the argument. He did not listen to the argument. He walked out when the argument started and walked back about 3 minutes before it ended.

BW: Are you sure of that? You were there?

CK: My God! I saw it with my own eyes!

BW: That was just a sort of check. I will have to consider that a little bit heavily.

CK: I am not sure that you should do anything. I thought I would at least tell you.

BW: I see. Maybe we had better leave that for the second day anyway.

CK: Do you know if any opinions have been handed down.

BW: I have just been trying to find out from the U.P. telegraph but it is not in yet.

CK: Will you let me know if you hear anything Bob?

BW: I will - with great pleasure. And say - I want to tell you what I have in mind. I have suggested to the DAILY WORKER that they get hold of the TIMES that carried the first account of (Wendell) WILLKIE'S acceptance of the case and to reproduce those very splendid words that were in the interview of the Times. Have you any other suggestions?

CK: No. I have no suggestion.

BW: What do you think of them asking him for an interview?

CK: Well he is out in Indiana which makes it a little difficult. I was just in touch with his office.

BB: How about an interview with you?

CK: That I think is a mistake because I think that gives me too much prominence. I think that one of the things that is good is that I have dropped out of this case.

BB: Well I will have to take your advice temporarily anyway.

CK: Anything you want you can have. But I think it is just a political mistake - if I may advise a person who knows much more than I do.

BB: Well I think you know more than most people. Well, I'll call when I know something. Goodbye.

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New York, New York

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66-1462

February 17, 1943

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: ~~WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN,~~
with aliases;
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith an original and three copies of the following logs reflecting information obtained as a result of conferences between CAROL WEISS KING, Communist Party lawyer and ROBERT MINOR, Assistant General Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A. The conferences are reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] to have taken place on February 15, 1943 and deal with the above-captioned matter.

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Log #1 consists of three pages; log #2 consists of one page, and log #3 also consists of one page.

It will be noted that the source from which the information was obtained is clearly indicated on the logs. A copy of each log is being transmitted to the San Francisco Field Division for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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February 15, 1943

Records L 955-7 from: EARL BROWDER
L 954-last to: BOB MINOR and GEORGE HAUFBERG (ph)
L 957-1

EARL: I am very busy outside and if there is no very important reason,
I am not coming back this afternoon.

BOB: The SCHNEIDERMAN case has been acted on in a way by the Supreme Court.
They have decided that they cannot make up their mind and they want
to have it re-argued and the rest of it is speculative and the speculation
that seems to have some sense in it is that they may be divided even and they
want the new judge to participate, and then they will see about it: or it
may be that the decision is going the wrong way to suit some of them and
they try to get the new judge in to make a tie, because JACKSON...there's
some question about whether he's disqualified. At any rate, we are handling
it in the newspaper in this way very conservatively, and not handling any
speculation, unless the evenings papers handle speculation so big that we
have to pay some objective attention to it, but not as our own speculation.
Second, we are quoting that very good line of WILLKIE of November 1940,
or 1939, whatever it was, 1941, I guess, about its being a question of
rights of all American naturalized citizens. I will handle the office, and
there is no need for you to come in.

EARL: All right. Let me give a message for HAUFBERG. I'll be there in
the morning.

(EARL BROWDER is connected with GEORGE HAUFBERG)

EARL: GEORGE, I'll see you at the garage at 5:30, and bring my brief case
off my desk.

GEORGE: All right, Comrade.

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New York, New York
February 19, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith the original and three copies of a one page log indicating information obtained as a result of a conference among ROBERT WINER, Assistant General Secretary of the Communist Party, FARREL BROWDER, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and GEORGE HAUFBERG (phonetic), who is believed to be BROWDER'S secretary. The conference is reported, by Confidential Informant [redacted] to have taken place on February 15, 1943.

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It will be noted that the source from which the information was obtained is clearly indicated on the log.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
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San Francisco, California
Feb. 17, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
MORRIS SMOLAN
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

On the morning of Feb. 10, 1943 this office was notified by a phone call from the Los Angeles office that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, publisher from NY was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco at 1PM that day aboard the United Airline plane arriving at the South San Francisco Airport at that time.

This office was previously aware of the fact that reservations had been made for TRACHTENBERG at the Palace Hotel.

The writer and Agent LL THOMPSON proceeded to the Airport and observed TRACHTENBERG who arrived at 1:10 pm. He is described as follows-

Age: Approximately 55

Height: 5'6"

Weight: 190

Hair: Graying on sides, bald on top,

Build: Rotund

Distinguishing Marks: Large Black moustache

TRACHTENBERG was met at the Airport by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and they left the Airport at 1:20 pm in a black Plymouth Sedan bearing the licence no. Cal. 31 G 147. A teletype check at the Motor Vehicle Dept at Sacramento revealed that this car is registered to MORRIS SMOLAN 1362 Valencia St. S.F.

SCHNEIDERMAN AND TRACHTENBERG were followed to Mission and 5th St. and it became obvious that they were going to the Hotel whereupon the surveillance was discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,

W.E. Giesen SA.

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Reargument Ordered In Schneiderman Case

Supreme Court Action Seen as Indicating Even Split; If Rehearing Is Delayed, Decision May Not be Made Till Next Winter

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Supreme Court today ordered a reargument in the appeal of William Schneiderman, California Communist leader, against a lower court decision revoking his citizenship.

The court order was taken to mean that the members had split evenly in their opinion on the case, and wanted a chance to rehear it with the newly sworn-in Justice Wiley Rutledge available to break the deadlock.

The case has attracted national attention and even enlisted the support of Wendell Willkie, who argued in Schneiderman's behalf before the Supreme Court.

Proceedings were instituted in 1939, when the Department of Justice filed suit to revoke Schneiderman's citizenship on the grounds that he had been a Communist at the time of his naturalization in 1927. The Federal Court in San Francisco and the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Justice Department suit, and the case was carried to the nation's highest tribunal.

THREAT TO CIVIL RIGHTS

The defense has contended, and Willkie, among many other notables, concurred in this contention, that the ruling against Schneiderman placed in jeopardy the civil rights of the millions of naturalized citizens in America.

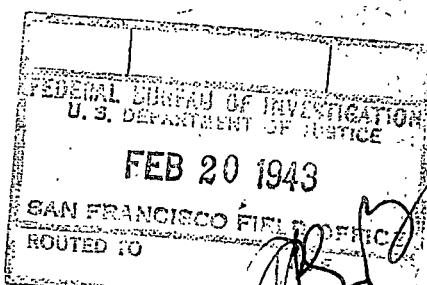
At the time of Schneiderman's naturalization, there was no statutory bar against Communists becoming citizens. Schneiderman contended that he answered all questions truthfully and complied with all other regulations governing naturalization procedure.

The Justice Department, however, claimed that because Schneiderman was a Communist he could not have sworn in good faith his attachment to the principles of the United States Constitution.

TWELVE YEARS

A suspicious aspect of the government's suit, which has served to rally support for Schneiderman, was that the proceeding was not filed until 12 years after the naturalization, even though Schneiderman was a public official of the Communist Party during all those years and on several occasions ran for public office on the Communist ticket.

If the Supreme Court calendar is crowded, it is even possible the reargument will not be heard during the current session, and will be put over until late fall. In that event, a decision may not be rendered until the winter of 1943-44.



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February 19, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sirs:

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The attention of the Bureau is invited to the fact that the source from which the information was obtained is clearly indicated on the log.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures (4)

E. H. CONROW,
Special Agent in Charge

CC: San Francisco - with enclosure (AMSD) *(R)*

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

February 15, 1943

Record L 957-2 3: 55 PM from: CAROL KING
(Incoming) to: BOB MINOR

CAROL: It occurred to me that it would be nice to have somebody on the DAILY WORKER call up WILLKIE'S office and ask them whether he will reargue the case on March 8, 1943. I have ascertained that if the question is put he will answer "yes" through his partner, and I thought that came as near being a statement as you could get today.

MINOR: What is his partner's name?

C: OWEN.

M: Mr. OWEN, the partner of Mr. WILLKIE.

C: See the name of the firm is WILLKIE, OWEN, OTIS, FARR and GALLAGHER.
See, that's his senior partner.

M: All right, I'll have them do it right away.

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Willkie Argues Schneiderman Case In Hearing Before Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Oral arguments in the case of William Schneiderman, state secretary of the California Communist Party, were staged today in the Supreme Court, with Wendell L. Willkie representing the Communist leader in an effort to prove that membership in the Communist Party does not constitute grounds for revocation of citizenship.

In a brief filed preliminary to the oral arguments, Willkie asserted Congress alone could "make active membership in the Communist Party of America a bar to naturalization," and Congress had not done so.

Mr. Willkie's brief pointed to the constitution of the Communist Party as proof that membership in that party did not imply "overthrow of the Government by force and violence," but on the contrary called for unstinting support of democracy.

On behalf of the Government, Solicitor General Charles Fahy maintained the naturalization act required an alien who claimed

citizenship be "attached to the principles of the constitution" and be "well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States."

In arguing to uphold a lower court's decision canceling Schneiderman's citizenship, obtained 15 years ago, Fahy ignored the Communist Party constitution and program, arguing that the controversy did not involve "what the principles of the Communist Party are today," but only as of 1927, when Schneiderman obtained his citizenship.

Cancellation of Schneiderman's citizenship was ordered by the Federal District Court at San Francisco on June 12, 1940. This was 13 years after he had been naturalized and 32 years after he had come to this country at the age of 3 from Russia.

Meanwhile, the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, which recently gained nationwide prominence by organizing ceremonies on the anniversary of the Statue of Liberty, announced it had filed a brief in the Schneiderman case. Abner Green, committee secretary, said:

"Our committee filed a brief amicus in this case because we be-

lieve the rights of all naturalized citizens are endangered, in fact the rights of all persons who already have taken or will hereafter take oaths of allegiance to the United States."

"We believe that an individual swearing to uphold the Constitution while a member of a legal organization, in this instance the Communist Party, cannot have his loyalty to the United States questioned.

"The 1938 constitution of the Communist Party, according to the government's brief in opposition to certiorari, contains nothing inconsistent with a peaceful accomplishment of the party objectives."

"The Constitution gives to Congress the power to grant citizenship. In the Schneiderman case the lower courts and the government brief seek to override Congress. If naturalized citizens are to exercise their political rights freely and fearlessly, the Supreme Court must protect them against findings based on insubstantial evidence that they had mental reservations when they swore allegiance to the United States. Any such deprivation of rights is an interference with the victory program since it impairs morale and national unity."

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High Court Justices Needle Schneiderman Prosecutor

Black, Rutledge Point to Jefferson's Beliefs; Willkie Notes Government's Evasion of Communist Constitution

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, March 17.—In the high-ceiling Supreme Court against a background of heavy red velvet drapes and a panel of Grecian friezes, Wendell L. Willkie defended the right of William Schneiderman, West Coast Communist leader, to remain a citizen of the United States. The Department of Justice is attempting to deprive Schneiderman of his citizenship because he was a Communist at the time he was naturalized.

Much of Friday's three-hour argument before the Supreme Court was, of necessity, decidedly technical. But there were big questions involved in the presentation of the defense by Willkie and of the government's case by Solicitor General Charles Fahy.

This was shown by the intense interest evidenced in the argument by the entire Supreme Court, and particularly by Justice Hugo Black, William O. Douglas and Wiley Rutledge, the newest appointee to the high court in the broader civil liberties questions involved.

JEFFERSON, TOO

Solicitor General Fahy based his case on the contention that the Communist Party advocates "the complete destruction of our form of government."

Justice Rutledge wanted to know if Fahy's indictment of the Communist Party as allegedly advocating violence wouldn't also "apply to Thomas Jefferson."

"Is it the argument of the government that neither a Socialist or a Communist can be a citizen of the United States?" Justice Rutledge asked Fahy.

Justice Black sent for a reference volume from which he read a quotation from Thomas Jefferson strongly defending the civil rights of political dissenters.

Willkie made out a strong case for Schneiderman on the basis of his flawless record as a citizen.

SCHNEIDERMAN QUALIFIED

"I believe that there are few young men who came to the naturalization court as well qualified for citizenship as William Schneiderman," Willkie said.

Willkie contended there was "no active fraud" on Schneiderman's part in not informing the court that he was a Communist for the simple reason that he was never asked.

The former Republican presidential candidate went further, and touched on the really basic issue involved in the case.

"No one contends," he declared, "that there is anything contrary to the Constitution in the Communist Party constitution of 1988."

This, he emphasized, is the only document adequately describing the political point of view of the Communist Party of the United States.

Willkie declared that the Department of Justice has insisted on the relevance and importance to Schneiderman's political philosophy of all kinds of books and pamphlets published in the last 100 years "except the Constitution of 1938."

SHADY TACTICS

He showed how the Department of Justice has kept changing its position around in order to avoid admitting in evidence the Communist Party's constitution.

At one point, he said, the Department has contended that the only relevant published material was that which appeared prior to 1927, when Schneiderman became a citizen.

Subsequently, he added, the Department has introduced as evidence material which appeared much later—but has always tried to keep out the Communist constitution.

"You can't eat your cake and have it, too," Willkie said.

The noted Republican leader introduced a fresh and lively note into the staid atmosphere of the Supreme Court, as he frequently

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, WAS, REGISTRATION ACT. RETEL INSTANT DATE.

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, WAS, REGISTRATION ACT. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISES CAROL KING, COMMUNIST PARTY LAWYER, TODAY CONFERRED WITH [REDACTED]
ROBERT MINOR, ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
AND ADVISED THAT THE SCHNEIDERMAN DECISION WILL BE HANDED DOWN BY THE US
SUPREME COURT NEXT THURSDAY, JUNE THREE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. UPON BEING
QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THE DECISION WILL BE FAVORABLE, KING STATED THAT
SHE CANNOT BE SURE. MINOR SUGGESTED THAT KING CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY
OF GOING TO WASHINGTON ALONG WITH HER BIG SHOT LAWYER FRIEND, BELIEVED TO
BE WENDELL WILLKIE, AT HIS, MINOR'S, EXPENSE, SO THAT THEY CAN BE ON HAND
WHEN THE DECISION IS RENDERED. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL
BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION.

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1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California
June 6, 1943

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DELIVERY

SAC, New York

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated June 6, 1943, re the Communist Party, U. S. A., Internal Security - R, in which a request was made that photographs and descriptions of those individuals attending the National Convention in New York be forwarded to your office, if available. The following is a list of those persons who will attend the above-mentioned convention, together with the information concerning each which is available to this office at this time:

1. ANITA WHITNEY

Description:	Age	73. Born July 7, 1867, California.
	Height	5'3"
	Weight	135
	Hair	Gray
	Eyes	Brown
	Complexion	Light
	Glasses	Yes

Picture:

There are being enclosed herewith two photographs, one quite recent, of this subject.

2. STEVE MELTON

Photographs and description of this individual have recently been furnished your office.

3. ROBERT TODD

Description:	Age	38
	Height	5'8"
	Weight	150
	Hair	Dark brown, straight
	Complexion	Medium
	Build	Heavy
	Glasses	Yes, horn-rimmed.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
June 19, 1943

SAC, San Francisco

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
CUSTODIAL DETENTION (R)

Dear Sir:

Through a highly confidential source it was determined that the following letter from A. W. TRAINOR, Secretary of the Communist Party of Florida, was directed to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 128 Haight Street, San Francisco, California:

"Dear Comrade: On April 23, we sent you a letter enclosing two membership books, nos. 29627, 39636. They were sent registered mail, return receipt requested.

"To date we have no acknowledgement by return receipt that these books were received. The books had no names in them. Please let us know if you received them. If not, we shall have to report them lost in transit and will have them placed on the lost book list through the N.C.

"Comradely,

"A. W. TRAINOR."

The foregoing is being forwarded for your information. No further investigation is contemplated by this office.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Kitchin
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San Francisco, California
July 21, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
(Bureau file CI-7613)

Dear Sir:

This office desires to obtain copies of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the denaturalization case of the captioned subject rendered on June 21, 1943.

Efforts to obtain copies locally have been unsuccessful and it is requested that the Bureau secure two copies of this decision at the Seat of Government and forward them to this office to be placed in subject's file for reference and information purposes.

Very truly yours,


N. J. L. PIEPER, SAC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Case originated at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File No. 97-26

Report made at: San Francisco	Date: 7/21/43	Period: 7/13, 16, 17/43	Report made by: JAMES G. SHORT, aam
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<u>Changes</u> WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases Bill Schneiderman, Velvel Schneiderman, Bill Smithley, W. J. Williams, B. L. Williams, Wolf Schneiderman, William Sherman	Character of case: INTERNAL SECURITY (C) CUSTODIAL DETENTION
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SYNOPSIS:

Subject rejected for service in the armed forces for physical defects at San Francisco, 6/11/43, and placed in 4-F classification by LDB 85, San Francisco, enabling him to retain his position as State Secretary of the Communist Party in California. He attended the National Convention of the Communist Party in New York City, 6/12, 13/43, as delegate from California. He continues to be the actual leader and most important official in the 13th District of the Party. Cancelation of subject's citizenship by the United States District Court, San Francisco, on grounds of membership in the Communist Party was reversed by United States Supreme Court, 6/21/43.

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Approved & Forwarded	<i>P. J. B.</i> Special Agent in Charge
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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 61-7618.

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM F. GIESEN dated
1/18/43 at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS:

The title of this report has been marked changed
by the addition of the alias WILLIAM SHERMAN by Confidential Informant
[redacted] who reported that the subject frequently uses this alias in obtaining railroad and hotel reservations.

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Subject is on the key figure list of Communist Party members maintained in the San Francisco Field Division.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Subject's Selective Service file at Local Draft Board #85, San Francisco, was examined by the writer on July 13, 1943 and the following information was noted therein in addition to that already set out in the report of reference.

On May 21, 1943 the subject was ordered by his Local Draft Board to report for induction into the armed forces on June 8, 1943. He reported for induction as ordered and on June 8th was rejected for service in the armed forces because of the following physical defects:

Reversed Lumbar Lordosis; Limited Forward Flexion of the spine; and Rigidity in Dorsal Lumbar.

On the basis of a physical report to the above effect, subject was placed in 4-F classification by his Local Draft Board on June 11, 1943. It was noted in examining subject's above file that his address is 1550 9th Avenue, San Francisco, which is the same as that previously reported.

With respect to subject's marital status his Selective Service file reflects that inquiry was made into this matter by officials of his Local Board, and at their request an affidavit was submitted by the subject to the Board on February 26, 1943. In this affidavit subject reiterated that he was married to his present wife, LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN, at San Francisco, on December 3, 1939.

The files of the San Francisco Field Division indicate that prior to subject's rejection for service in the armed forces, as above indicated, it was reported by Confidential Source A that plans had been made by the National Committee of the Communist Party in New York City, after a conference with SCHNEIDERMAN in New York City, to replace him as State Secretary of the Party in California with CARL WINTER, Party Functionary in Los Angeles, California.

Subsequent to subject's 4-F classification on June 11, 1943 it was ascertained by this office, through Confidential Informant [redacted] and through other reliable contacts in Party affairs, that no re-organization of personnel would take place within the 13th District of the Party and that subject would continue to hold his position of State Secretary of California and would carry on his leading roll in Party activities in that District as in the past.

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It was reported to this office on or about June 7, 1943 by Confidential Informant [redacted] that subject was among those delegates selected by the Party in California to attend the National Convention of the Communist Party in New York City on June 12 and 13, 1943. This Confidential Informant further reported that the subject left San Francisco on June 8, 1943 and returned on or about June 19, 1943 after having attended the above convention.

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Confidential Source B reported to this office on July 1, 1943 that subject took a leading part in conducting the business of the State Convention of the Communist Party in California held at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, from 9: AM to 5:30 PM on June 27, 1943. This source related that the opening address of the convention was given by the subject in his capacity as State Secretary of the Party and that his address emphasized three main points, namely,

- 1 - Hold the home front;
- 2 - Destroy Fascism from the earth;
- 3 - Build the Party for mass organization.

Confidential Source of Information C likewise on July 1, 1943 verified subject's attendance at the above State Convention of the Party and further reported to this office that subject had been placed on the Communist Party State Committee of California during the course of such convention.

The issued of the "People's World" daily newspaper, published at San Francis~~c~~e which is known to the San Francisco Office to be dominated by the Communist Party, published on July 2, 1943 a news item on Page 1 concerning a mass meeting which was sponsored by the Communist Party in the Civic Auditorium of San Francisco on June 30, 1943. It was stated that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party who was the featured speaker at this meeting, was introduced by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secretary of the Communist Party in California.

Through press releases published in the daily newspapers and through other reliable sources of information, it has been ascertained by this office that the decision of the United States District Court of San Francisco, California, revoking subject's citizenship on grounds of his membership in the Communist Party, was reversed by the United States Supreme Court on June 21, 1943. These reports were confirmed for this office by the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, San Fr~~a~~ncisco.

The following is the laters description of this subject obtained from his Selective Service file and from other sources indicated in this report:

Name:	WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
Aliases:	BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, VELVEL, SCHNEIDERMAN, BILL SMITHLEY, W. J. WILLIAMS, B. L. WILLIAMS, WOLF SCHNEIDERMAN, WILLIAM SHERMAN.
Residence:	1550 9th Avenue San Francisco, California
Age:	38 (8/1/43)
Birthdate:	August 1, 1905
Birthplace:	Rumanov, Russia
Citizenship:	Naturalized American
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	155
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Blond, partially bald, receding hair line

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Build: Medium
Complexion: Light
Marital Status: Married
Occupation: State Secretary of the
Communist Party, California.
Business
Address: 121 Haight Street
San Francisco
Employer: Communist Party of America
Social
Security #: 545-22-9713
Local Board: 85, San Francisco,
California
Draft Classification: 4-F (6/11/43)
Relations: LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN, wife,
same address
Military
Service: None Known
Criminal
Record: None Known

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SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will maintain contact with Confidential Informants in the Communist Party and with other reliable sources of information for the purpose of reporting from time to time subject's activities and Party status.

Copies of this report are being sent for information purposes to the Los Angeles, San Diego and Phoenix Field Divisions inasmuch as these Field Divisions cover activities of the 13th District of the Communist Party of which subject is the most prominent and important official.

A copy is being sent to the New York Field Division inasmuch as that office covers the National Headquarters of the Communist Party of which subject is the most prominent official on the West Coast.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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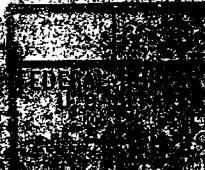
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who were the most deadly enemies of fascism.

"Since that time events have clarified the atmosphere. The Communist position has been proved correct time and time again. While people like Hearst, McCormick, Pegler and their ilk scream their invectives and exert all their influence for a negotiated peace and use as a part of their campaign the same discredited lies against the Communists, they have been repudiated by history and by the people generally."

"The Communist Party has won general recognition as one of the strongest forces in our country today working for national unity, for the war effort, for the labor movement, for the common people and for unconditional surrender of the Axis. Along with his party, Schneiderman's work has been recognized and vindicated."

"This decision will mean that Schneiderman can in the future as in the past, carry on the great work with which he has been so long identified. This decision is a victory for the win-the-war forces. It is a defeat for Hearst and Goebbels. This decision will be cheered in the capitals of democracy. It will find no rejoicing in Berlin."

"The happy result in this case also vindicates the beliefs and activities of those great Americans, Wendell Willkie and Attorney General Robert W. Kenny, who were of Schneiderman's counsel in the case. Great credit is due to Carol King of New York for her efforts. Great thanks are due to all those loyal friends and supporters who worked for the successful defense of Schneiderman during these past several years."

Schneiderman a Citizen Supreme Court Rules

Decision Vindicates Patriotism

WASHINGTON, June 21 (UPI)—The Supreme Court, in a 5 to 3 split, ruled today that membership in the Communist Party is not sufficient reason for revoking a person's American citizenship.

The decision came when the tribunal set aside lower court orders taking away the citizenship of William Schneiderman, Russian-born California Communist leader who admitted that he belonged to the Communist Party when he received his citizenship papers in 1927. The government contended that the party sought violent overthrow of this government and therefore Schneiderman's oath of allegiance was fraudulent.

Wendell Willkie, 1940 Republican presidential nominee, twice appeared before the high tribunal to argue that it should reverse the lower courts' grounds that Schneiderman's Communist affiliation was not sufficient grounds for his denaturalization.

NO CLEAR EVIDENCE

Justice Frank Murphy, delivering the court's majority opinion, said the government had not furnished "clear, unequivocal and convincing" evidence that the Communist Party seeks forceful or violent overthrow of the government.

He said the court was not deciding what interpretation of the party's attitude toward force and violence is most probable on the basis of the present record, or that petitioner's (Schneiderman's) testimony is acceptable at face value.

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The court, he said, found simply that the party's aims and attitudes were subject to two interpretations—"the one reprehensible and a bar to naturalization and the other permissible." In such a case, he added, "a court in a naturalization proceedings . . . is not justified in canceling a certification of citizenship by imputing the reprehensible interpretation to a member of the organization in the absence of overt acts indicating that such was his interpretation."

"So uncertain a chain of proof," he added, "does not add up to the requisite clear, unequivocal and convincing evidence for setting aside a naturalization decree. Were the law otherwise, valuable rights would rest upon a slender reed, and the security of the status of our naturalized citizens might depend in considerable degree upon the political temper of majority thought and the stresses of the times."

Justices Stanley F. Reed, Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas and Wiley Rutledge joined Murphy in the majority opinion. Douglas joined Rutledge in a separate concurring opinion which warned that if the attack on Schneiderman's citizenship was upheld, the rights of millions might be affected adversely.

Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone delivered a lengthy dissent, in which Justices Owen J. Roberts and Felix Frankfurter concurred. Murphy and Stone both emphasized that the case "has nothing to do with our relations with Russia."

"We should not hold that petitioner (Schneiderman) is not attached to the Constitution by reason of his possible belief in the creation of some form of world union of Soviet Republics," Murphy wrote for the majority, "unless we are willing so to hold with regard to those who believe in Pan-Americanism, the League of Nations, Union Now, or some other form of international collaboration, or collective security which may grow out of the present holocaust."

INVIDIOUS DISTINCTION

"A distinction here would be an invidious one based on the fact that we might agree with or tolerate the latter but dislike or disagree with the former."

Justice Stone's dissent held there was ample evidence to support the lower courts' findings that Schneiderman was a Communist Party member and has not behaved as a "person attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States."

SPEE'S WORLD

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SAC, FBI, Chicago Division

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
DENVER, COLORADO
July 22, 1943

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, San Francisco

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with alias
REGISTRATION ACT.

Dear Sir:

This office has been advised by the District Intelligence Office of the 7th Service Command that SCHNEIDERMAN was recently in this section of the country.

Through a highly confidential source it was determined that SCHNEIDERMAN was in correspondence with a person signing her name as LEAH, 1550 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco. It seems that this correspondent is greatly interested in Communist activities in your headquarters city.

This is for your information.

Very truly yours,

GORDON A. NICHOLSON
SAC

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GORDON A. NICHOLSON		
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California
July 29, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.
DISTRICT NO. 13
SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Through Confidential Informants [] and [] whose identities are known to the Bureau, it was ascertained that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party, U. S. A., was to meet with the CIO (Branch of the Communist Party) at the home of PAUL G. PINSKY, 1242 Pierce Street, San Francisco, on the evening of July 6, 1943, the meeting to commence at 8:00 P. M. The Confidential Informants designated above also advised that FOSTER was to meet with the AFL (Branch of the Communist Party) at the home of MackAY HUNT, 143 Alpine Terrace, San Francisco, on the evening of July 8, 1943, this meeting also scheduled to commence at 8:00 P. M. Both meetings, according to informants, were held to discuss trade union political issues.

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The following individuals have been definitely identified from photographs secured during a surveillance conducted by agents of this office as being in attendance at the CIO meeting held July 6, 1943, at 1242 Pierce Street, San Francisco, the home of PAUL G. PINSKY:

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party,
U. S. A.

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Secretary, Communist Party, Thirteenth District.

STEVE NELSON, Secretary, Communist Party, Alameda County, California, and member of National Committee, Communist Party.

MERVYN RATHBORNE, Secretary, State Council, CIO.

GEORGE H. WILSON, President, San Francisco CIO Industrial Union Council.

LOUIS (LOU) GOLDBLATT, recently confirmed as Secretary-Treasurer of International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.



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Director from SAC, San Francisco - 2

July 29, 1943

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT NO. 13
SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

RICHARD (DICK) LYNDEN, President, ILWU, Local 1-6, CIO.

PAUL ANDREW CECIL HEIDE, Secretary-Treasurer of Alameda County CIO Industrial Union Council since March of 1942. He recently announced candidacy for the office of Vice President of the ILWU, Local 1-6.

RUBY HEIDE, wife of PAUL HEIDE, attached to the office of the Secretary of the State CIO Council and nominated to succeed her husband as Secretary and Treasurer of the Alameda County CIO Industrial Union Council.

PAUL SCHNUR, Secretary, San Francisco CIO Council.

PAUL G. PINSKY. Although a photograph of this individual was not obtained, it is thought that he undoubtedly was present as the meeting was held at his home. PINSKY is a member of the California District Council, CIO, and a representative of the FAECT. A Confidential Informant in this area has advised that PINSKY is a member of the County Committee of the Communist Party, San Francisco County.

RUDIE LAMBERT. A photograph was not obtained of LAMBERT, nor was he observed to enter the PINSKY home. However, it is thought that he may have attended the meeting as his automobile was parked immediately across the street and opposite the entrance to the PINSKY residence.

This CIO meeting described above was scheduled to commence at 8:00 P. M. It lasted until approximately 11:15 P. M., at which time FOSTER and SCHNEIDERMAN left the PINSKY home and walked to SCHNEIDERMAN's car. Soon after their departure, the other individuals in attendance at the meeting left in small groups.

The following individuals have been definitely identified from photographs secured during a surveillance conducted by agents of this office as being in attendance at the AFL meeting referred to above, held on the evening of July 8, 1943, at 143 Alpine Terrace, San Francisco, the home of MacKAY HUNT:

Director from SAC, San Francisco - 3

July 29, 1943

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.
DISTRICT NO. 13
SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party,
U. S. A.

*OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, State and County Communist Party
Functionary, San Francisco.

BERNADETTE DOYLE, Secretary, Communist Party, Alameda County,
California.

*ALFRED M. RIDDELL. The union affiliation of this individual
is unknown at the present time.

*JACK WAGNER, Business Agent, Piledrivers Union, AFL, Local 134.

*J. VERNON BURKE, former Secretary of LABORS NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE.
His union affiliation is unknown at the present time.

*ERNEST (ERMETE) LAVINO, Business Agent, Cooks' Union, Local 44,
AFL.

*PAUL BOLLER (Phonetic). He has been identified as a member of
the ASI Branch of the Communist Party by Confidential
Informant [redacted] His union affiliation is not known.

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*HELEN WHEELER, Secretary-Treasurer of the Miscellaneous Employees
Union, Local 110, AFL.

One Chinese man. This individual appeared at the meeting, together
with HELEN WHEELER. It is thought that he may possibly be
DAN MAH, who is also associated with the Miscellaneous
Union, Local 110.

*MacKAY HUNT, associated with Optical Union, AFL. As pointed out
above, instant meeting was held at his home and Confidential
Informant [redacted] identified a photograph of the individual
who came to the door of 143 Alpine Terrace to greet arrivals
to the meeting as being that of MacKAY HUNT.

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*Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, was able to identify the above individuals inasmuch as they were members of the AFL Branch of the Communist Party, [redacted]
[redacted]

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The following individuals are thought to have attended the AFL meeting for reasons which will be set out below:

A. J. BOCK, husband of MINNIE CARSON, an insurance broker. Car registered to him was parked in immediate vicinity and man driving entered meeting.

LAIRD HERNDON McMILLEN. An automobile registered in the name of this individual was observed parked in the immediate vicinity of the meeting place. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a McMILLEN was scheduled to attend the AFL meeting with FOSTER.

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FRED ASLANIAN. An automobile registered to this individual was parked in the immediate vicinity of the meeting place. He has been reported by various reliable sources as being a member of the Communist Party. He has been named as being a member of the Executive Council Committee of the Metal Trades Section of the Communist Party, San Francisco County.

JOHN A. JOHNSON. An automobile registered to this individual was parked in the immediate vicinity of the meeting place and Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that one JOHNSON was to attend the AFL meeting with FOSTER. This individual resides in Alameda County and is a subscriber to the People's World.

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ROBERT DWINELL, Business Agent, International Association of Machinists, Local 284. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that STEVE NELSON, upon being apprised of the date and place of the AFL meeting, stated that he would contact BOB (DWINELL) and BROWNLEE (SHIREK), both of whom reside in the East Bay Area. An automobile registered to DWINELL was later picked up the same evening in Oakland by man who attended the meeting.

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A surveillance on the automobile registered to JOHN A. JOHNSON reflected that it departed from the meeting with five individuals, including the driver. This car was driven directly across the Oakland Bay Bridge and thence to the corner of MacArthur Boulevard and Grove Street, Oakland, where four of the passengers alighted from the car. One of the passengers, a man, accompanied by BERNADETTE DOYLE, also one of the passengers, entered an automobile registered to FRED VAST. The remaining two passengers, both identified as men, entered an automobile registered to BOB DWINELL. It is believed that the latter two passengers may have been DWINELL and BROWNLEE SHIREK.

FRED VAST. This individual has been mentioned as a teacher in the Functionaries' School, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, and his present union affiliation has not been ascertained.

ARCHIE GREEN. This individual was named on a list furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] which contained names of those individuals to attend the "AFL meeting with FOSTER." He has reportedly been elected Recording Secretary of the Shipwrights Union.

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DAVE WILLIAMS. He was named on the list referred to above as being furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted]. He is the husband of CLAUDIA WILLIAMS and is a Business Agent of the Piledrivers Union, San Francisco. His wife, CLAUDIA, is presently employed on the CIO Welfare Committee, San Francisco.

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ROBERT B. FREEMAN. The name FREEMAN appeared on the list furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] and it is thought that it refers to ROBERT B. FREEMAN, employed at the Marinship Shipyards, Sausalito, California. Confidential Informant [redacted] recently advised that BOB FREEMAN was a member of the Communist Party and had a good chance of being elected to a union office, thought to be in the Shipwrights Union. A Marin County functionaries' meeting was held at the home of BOB FREEMAN on the evening of May 16, 1943, according to Confidential Informant [redacted]

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BROWNLEE SHIREK. He has been previously referred to.

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It is known that the AFL meeting was attended by approximately twenty-one individuals and the CIO meeting by approximately twelve.

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For the information of the Bureau, this office has active investigative files on all of the individuals identified as having been in attendance at the CIO meeting with FOSTER. With regard to the individuals identified as being in attendance at the AFL meeting with FOSTER, active investigative files have been opened in the San Francisco Field Division on the majority of them and cases will be opened on those not already under investigation.

Very truly yours,

RJL

N. J. L. PIEPER
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San Francisco, California

THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL MAY BE FOUND IN A LARGE MANILA ENVELOPE:

1. Two (2) copies of the Supreme Courts decision in the case of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN versus the United States. Filed August 27, 1943. (See serial 97-26-116) mb

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Date: August 16, 1943

To: SAC, San Francisco

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Subject: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases; INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Rec'd Sept 26/43
Pursuant to the request contained in your letter of July 21, 1943,
there are forwarded herewith two copies of the Supreme Court's decision in
the case of Schneiderman versus the United States. *see - 197-26-115(1)*

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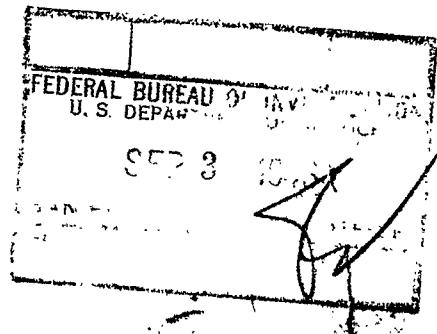
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**Citizenship for
Schneiderman Ordered**

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30 (UP).—Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure today signed a minute order directing the federal district court to return a certificate of citizenship to William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party.

The U. S. Supreme Court recently refused to denaturalize Schneiderman because of his Communist Party membership.



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ADEPT. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY C. REURTEL SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN INSTANT. ADVISE BUREAU BY RETURN WIRE INFORMATION AVAILABLE YOUR OFFICE CONCERNING SUBJECTS ATTENDANCE AT STATED NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING. BUREAU AND NEW YORK OFFICE HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH MEETING.

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

[REDACTED] REPORTED STATEMENT ON PART OF HUDIE LAMBERT TO EFFECT

SCHNEIDERMAN ATTENDING NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, BUT [REDACTED]

FURNISHED CORRESPONDENCE TODAY INDICATING SCHNEIDERMAN MAKING TRIPAT REQUEST OF NATIONAL OFFICERS PARTICULARLY ROY HUDSON AND NO

INDICATION FULL MEETING OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONTEMPLATED.

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ADEPT. RE COMRAP. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

[REDACTED] INDICATES WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN WILL ARRIVE IN SEATTLE WITHIN
NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL CONFER WITH CARL REEVE, ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY TWELVETH DISTRICT, CT. ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIFTH. SCHNEIDERMAN
HAS RESERVATIONS TO RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO ON OCTOBER FIRST VIA
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY. ADVISE IF ANY ACTION ON PART THIS OFFICE
DEEMED NECESSARY AND IF SO FURNISH NECESSARY INFORMATION INCLUDING
COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SCHNEIDERMAN.

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. INTERNAL SECURITY C. SCHNEIDERMAN ON INSTANT DATE REGISTERED HOTEL KING EDWARD, ONE TWENTY WEST FORTYFOURTH ST., NYC, UNDER NAME OF WILLIAM SHERMAN. ON SEPT. SEVENTEEN, FORTYTHREE, SCHNEIDERMAN BY LETTER POSTMARKED SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED RESERVATION FOR HIMSELF AND AL J. BOCK FOR SEPT. TWENTYFIRST, FORTYTHREE. BOCK STAYED AT HOTEL NIGHT OF SEPT. TWENTY, FORTYTHREE. MADE INQUIRIES FOR SCHNEIDERMAN. BOCK CHECKED OUT DAY BEFORE SCHNEIDERMAN ARRIVED, BUT STATED HWX HE WOULD RETURN BY SEPT. TWENTYFOURTH, FORTYTHREE. ON INSTAM DATE BOCK RECEIVED A LETTER POSTMARKED SEPT. TWENTY, FORTYTHREE, AT BALTIMORE, FROM GARLAND L. MOORE, ASST. AGENCY DIRECTOR, US FIDELITY AND GUARANTEE CO., BALTIMORE, WHICH STATED A VISIT WAS EXPECTED FROM BOCK DURING HIS VISIT EAST. ALSO THAT MOORE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR BOCK AT LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL FOR OCT. FOURTH, FORTYTHREE. CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE BY BOCK DISCLOSE HE MADE CALL TO CP HEADQUARTERS DURING STAY AT HOTEL KING EDWARD. NY FILES DISCLOSE ALBERT J. BOCK, WHO MAY BE IETX IDENTICAL, WAS LISTED AS SPONSOR ON WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN'S NATURALIZATION PAPERS. FROM INDICATIONS BOCK IS FROM WEST COAST. SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO FURNISH TELETYPE SUMMARY RE AL J. BOCK AS BUREAU HAS REQUESTED TO DERX DETERMINE SCHNEIDERMAN'S CONTACTS IN CONNECTION WITH COMRAP CASE. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO MAKE MAIL AND PHONE COVERAGE DURING TIME BOCK IS REGISTERED AT HOTEL LORD BALTIMORE.

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ADEPT. RE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY C. FOR YOUR INFORMATION
SCHNEIDERMAN RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM IN CARE OF CP HEADQUARTERS,
NYC SIX PM INSTANT DATE "PHONE OLETA, JUNIPER FOUR FOUR EIGHT THREE
SEVEN SAN FRANCISCO TONIGHT AFTER SEVEN PM PACIFIC TIME ON LATEST
ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS SIGNED LOUISE".

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FBI NEW YORK

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. INTERNAL SECURITY - C -. REUTEL. A. J. BOCK AND WIFE, MINI CARSON, BOTH ACTIVE IN PARTY MATTERS SAN FRANCISCO AREA. BOCK SELLS INSURANCE AND IS MINOR OFFICIAL AF of L OFFICE WORKER'S UNION. HE WAS TO ATTEND AFL CONVENTION NY CITY AND WAS ACCCOMPANIED THERE BY MINI CARSON WHO WAS TO VISIT SISTER IN NY, FURTHER ADDRESS UNKNOWN, WHILE BOCK VISITS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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From New York City
DIRECTOR AND SACS CHICAGO, SEATTLE, PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO (9-22-43) 10-24 PM

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. INTERNAL SECURITY - C. SCHNEIDERMAN, AFTER REGISTERING AT HOTEL KING EDWARD ON MORNING SEPTEMBER 21, 1943, IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED PRIOR ITS BEING ASCERTAINED THAT HE WAS REGISTERED AT THE HOTEL. AT 4:55 PM SCHNEIDERMAN WAS OBSERVED DEPARTING FROM C.P. HEADQUARTERS, 35 EAST 12TH STREET. PROBABLY SPENT ENTIRE DAY AT C.P. HEADQUARTERS. ACTIVITIES ON NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1943, LIMITED TO HOTEL, THEATRE, AND ARRANGING RAILROAD RESERVATIONS. SCHNEIDERMAN HAS RESERVATIONS AND PLANS TO DEPART NEW YORK CITY FOR CHICAGO VIA NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD 3:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 23, 1943, LOWER 8, CAR 379, TRAIN 37. PURCHASED RAILROAD TICKETS FROM CHICAGO TO SEATTLE. INDICATED HE THEN WOULD PROCEED TO PORTLAND, OREGON, AND SAN FRANCISCO. [] INFORMANTS HAVE ADVISED THAT SCHNEIDERMAN WILL BE IN REGULAR CONFERENCES AT C.P. HEADQUARTERS UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK CITY. ON INSTANT DATE ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG INDICATED TO JOHN WILLIAMSON THAT HE MUST SEE SCHNEIDERMAN BEFORE LEAVING ABOUT LITERATURE FOR CALIFORNIA. BUREAU HAS ADVISED NO PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF SCHNEIDERMAN NECESSARY IN CHICAGO, SEATTLE, AND PORTLAND, INTERESTED OFFICES ARE TO BE ALERT FOR INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS CONCERNING CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES OF SCHNEIDERMAN. SAN FRANCISCO ORIGIN.

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ULNA. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY C. RE NEW YORK
TELETYPE SEPT. TWE TYONE REGARDING ALBERT J. BOCK. INFORMANTS
ADVISED BOCK CONNECTED WITH US FIDELITY AND GUARANTY CO., WITH
HOME OFFICE BALTIMORE. PURPOSE OF VISIT TO DISCUSS PROGRAM IN
WHICH HE IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED TO EXPLAIN AND SELL BLANKET BONDS
TO UNION OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT US TO INSURE UNION FUNDS. NO IN-
DICTION OF ~~CONTRXXX~~ CONTACT WITH OTHER THAN USFG OFFICIALS AND
AIRLINES FOR DIRECT TRANSPORTATION TO SAN FRANCISCO. UNABLE TO
SECURE PLANE RESERVATION. LEFT BALTIMORE ELEVEN AM TODAY, WILL
SPEND SEVERAL HOURS IN WASHINGTON, DC, LEAVING TONIGHT FOR CHICAGO.
WILL SPEND NIGHT OF OCT. SIXTH IN CHICAGO PROBABLY AT HOTEL SHERMAN,
THEN BELIEVED WILL HEAD FOR OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO. NO CORRESPOND-
ENCE RECEIVED WHILE AT LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/21/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/21-23, 25/43	REPORT MADE BY HERMAN O. BLY
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was.	CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, arrived in NYC at 10:00 A.M. 9/21/43 and departed NYC 3:30 P.M. 9/23/43. Pertinent activities while in NYC limited to visits to the Communist Party headquarters and close association with ALBERT J. BOCK, his brother-in-law. Details concerning activities of subject and ALBERT J. BOCK while in NYC set out herein.

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REFERENCE: ~~Teletype from San Francisco Office to Bureau and New York Field Division dated 9/18/43.~~
~~Teletype from Bureau to New York Office dated 9/20/43.~~

DETAILS: At New York, N. Y.

On September 18, 1943 a teletype was received from the San Francisco Field Office advising that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN had departed San Francisco for New York City by way of the Southern Pacific "Challenger" train #888 for attendance at a meeting of the National Committee in New York City and would arrive in New York City on Tuesday, September 21, 1943.

On September 20, 1943 the New York Field Division received a teletype from the Bureau requesting surveillance of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN during SCHNEIDERMAN's stay in New York City.

The following agents participated in the surveillance of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN between September 21 and September 23, 1943:

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Frank J. Nolan
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On September 21, 1943 Confidential Informant T-1 advised that on [redacted]

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A surveillance was instituted at Communist Party Headquarters,
35 East 12 Street. At 4:55 P.M. on September 21, 1943 surveilling agents

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observed SCHNEIDERMAN depart from Communist Party Headquarters at which time he proceeded to the Grand Central Railroad Station and made reservations for Chicago, Illinois on train #37, car #379, lower 8 leaving New York City 3:30 P.M. on September 23, 1943. After making the above reservations subject had dinner at a nearby restaurant and proceeded to the King Edward Hotel where it was determined that he was registered in room 1104. At 7:15 P.M. subject left the hotel alone and attended the Loew's State Theatre, 45th Street and Broadway. At 10:30 P.M. subject left the theatre and stopped at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station to make inquiries concerning accommodations to Chicago, Illinois. At 11:25 P.M. subject proceeded to a restaurant for refreshments and returned to the King Edward Hotel at 11:55 P.M. where he spent the night.

ACTIVITIES OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, SEPTEMBER 22, 1943

At 9:10 A.M. subject, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, left the King Edward Hotel and proceeded to the Southern Pacific Railroad office located at Fifth Avenue and East 44 Street. At 9:30 A.M. he left this office and proceeded to the Grand Central Railroad Station, window #9. At 10:45 A.M. subject left the Grand Central Railroad Station and proceeded to Communist Party Headquarters located at 35 East 12 Street where he remained until 4:00 P.M. At this time he left Communist Party Headquarters and proceeded by way of the IRT subway to the Southern Pacific Railroad mentioned above.

At 4:35 P.M. subject left the Southern Pacific Railroad office and again proceeded to the Grand Central Station, window #9. At 5:00 P.M. he left Grand Central Station and had dinner at Hector's Cafe, on Broadway near 44th Street, after which he returned to the Grand Central Railroad Station, window #9. At 6:35 P.M. subject left Grand Central Station and proceeded to Loew's Criterion Theatre, 7th Avenue and 45th Street. At 8:45 P.M. subject left Loew's Theatre and returned to the King Edward Hotel at which time he met AL J. BOCK mentioned previously in this report.

At 10:40 P.M. subject and AL BOCK left the King Edward Hotel and visited several bars and grills and night clubs including the Onyx Club, Leon & Eddie's, Club Samoa, on West 52nd Street, etc. While visiting the above mentioned clubs, SCHNEIDERMAN and BOCK were observed by surveilling agents to overindulge in alcoholics.

ACTIVITIES OF WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, SEPTEMBER 23, 1943

The drinking activities mentioned above continued until 12:45 A.M. on September 23, 1943 at which time SCHNEIDERMAN and BOCK took a taxi to Grand Central Station where AL J. BOCK took the 1:25 A.M. train to Rye, New York. Informant T-1 later advised that AL J. BOCK, employed by "an Maryland insurance company", had left for Rye, New York to attend a convention of insurance brokers which was being held at the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club.

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At 1:30 A.M., after leaving AL BOCK at Grand Central Station, subject returned to the King Edward Hotel where he remained until 9:00 A.M. He then proceeded to the Grand Central Railroad Station. At 9:20 A.M. subject left Grand Central Station and proceeded to Communist Party Headquarters at 35 East 12 Street.

In regard to the above visit to Communist Party Headquarters, it was reported by Confidential Informant T-2 that on the afternoon of September 22, 1943 a WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN contacted ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and made an appointment with TRACHTENBERG for 10:00 A.M. September 23, 1943 at the Communist Party Headquarters. Later, Informant T-2 advised that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN contacted "Mother BLOOR" at room 310 at the Hotel Rensselaer, 15 East 11 Street, New York. Mother Bloor, according to Confidential Informant T-2, told subject that MAX MORTER (phonetic) was visiting Mother BLOOR and that MAX MORTER was desirous of contacting subject. Subject then advised Mother BLOOR that he would see MORTER between 10 and 12:00 A.M. on September 23, 1943 apparently meaning at Communist Party Headquarters. Subject further told Mother BLOOR that he would see a Carl (believed to be CARL WINTER of Seattle, Washington) before subject's return to Los Angeles, California.

On the afternoon of September 22, 1943 Confidential Informant T-2 further advised that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG had indicated to JOHN WILLIAMSON that he, TRACHTENBERG, must see SCHNEIDERMAN before subject's departure from New York City about "literature for California". As mentioned above, subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN arrived at Communist Party Headquarters shortly after 9:20 A.M. on September 23, 1943. Surveilling agents observed that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN remained at Communist Party Headquarters until 2:10 P.M. at which time he returned to the King Edward Hotel. At 2:45 P.M. subject left the hotel and proceeded to Grand Central Station.

Surveilling agents observed that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN departed from New York City at 3:30 P.M. by way of the New York Central Railroad on board the "Commodore-Vanderbilt" train in car 379, lower 8, train #37. This train was scheduled to arrive in Chicago, Illinois at 8:20 A.M. on September 24, 1943. It was ascertained that a WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN would stay in Chicago until 11:15 P.M. September 26, 1943 at which time he will depart for Milwaukee, Wisconsin and from Milwaukee, Wisconsin SCHNEIDERMAN made plans to proceed to Seattle, Washington and from there to San Francisco, California.

The Chicago Field Division was furnished a teletype by the New York Field Office concerning the above mentioned details regarding SCHNEIDERMAN's expected arrival in Chicago, Illinois. The details concerning the subject's activities while in Chicago will be reported by the Chicago Field Office.

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised that on September 22, 1943 subject WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN received a telegram in care of Communist Party Headquarters, New York City at 6:00 P.M., which read as follows:

"Phone Cleta Juniper 4-4337 San Francisco tonight after 7 PM Pacific Time on latest developments.

(Signed) LOUISE"

The above information was furnished the Bureau and San Francisco Field Office by teletype on September 22, 1943.

A review of the New York Office files reflected the following information concerning ALBERT J. BOCK. Through source T-3 it was ascertained that when WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was naturalized in the United States District Court at Los Angeles on June 10, 1927 his sponsors were ALBERT J. BOCK and Miss MINNIE KARASICH, both well-known Communists but that this fact was not found out until 1936. BOCK was reported active in the Communist Party until 1927 at which time he was expelled because he became an employer and was no longer eligible for membership in the Communist Party. He ran a dry-cleaning business. The notice of his expulsion appeared in the Daily Worker. BOCK later married MINNIE KARASICH who was the director of the Young Workers League which was later known as the Young Pioneers. BOCK and KARASICH, as of December 1939, were supposed to be in San Francisco, California.

Through source T-3 it was further ascertained that WILLIAM F. HYNES stated in an affidavit form on March 19, 1936 in substance that he has been Captain of Detectives of the Los Angeles Police Department for the past fifteen years in connection with radical activities and particularly Communistic activities; that he was a member of the Communist Party in 1922 which was then known as the Workers Party and has known ALBERT J. BOCK, one of the sponsors for SCHNEIDERMAN, who lived at 24-20 Brooklyn Avenue, Los Angeles and knew him to be a member of the Communist Party and has talked with him relative to his being a Communist. BOCK was the business agent for the Cleaners and Dyers Union. He married MINNIE KARASICH but she later assumed the name MINNIE CARSON in Communist Party activities and soon after 1927 both moved to San Francisco where BOCK ceased his activities in behalf of the Communist Party but MINNIE CARSON has continued her activities in the Communist Party under that name and is on the District Committee of the Young Communist League as well as being a member of the District Committee of the Communist Party at the present time.

HYNES further advised that he had known WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN since 1924 and has known him in connection with the Young Workers League which later became known as the Young Communist League. SCHNEIDERMAN was the district organizer of the Young Communist League and a member of the Young Communist League of America. SCHNEIDERMAN spoke at a number of meetings of the Young Workers League from 1924 to 1926; later he was transferred to San Francisco where he became district organizer of the Young Communist League. This was in 1928. He was married to REGGIE KARASICH, a sister of MINNIE KARASICH, who is the wife of ALBERT J. BOCK. REGGIE KARASICH left

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and was living with another member of the Communist Party by the name of FRANK WALDRON.

From the above information, it would seem that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is or has been the brother-in-law of ALBERT J. BOCK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL

A copy of this report is being sent to Los Angeles for information purposes inasmuch as WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is a leading Communist functionary on the West Coast.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of
Special Agent Herman O. Bly dated September 27, 1943 at New York City are:

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Confidential Informant [redacted]
whose identity is known to the Bureau

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T-3

Report of Special Agent F. C. Dorwart
dated 1/4/40 at San Francisco, Calif.
San Francisco file #97-4 entitled,
"THE COMMUNIST PARTY-U.S.A.; REGISTRATION
ACT; AGENTS OF FOREIGN PRINCIPALS",
New York File #65-382-231

A surveillance of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was conducted at the
request of the Bureau in order to ascertain his contacts and activities
in connection with the investigation of the COMRAP case.

New York, 7, N. Y.

HOB:DH
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September 27, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith for the San Francisco Field Division four copies of the report of Special Agent Herman O. Bly dated September 27, 1943 at New York City in the above captioned matter.

Four copies are being designated the San Francisco Office inasmuch as the New York Field Office has not been advised as to whether or not copies should be designated to ONI and G-2 in the San Francisco area.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY, SAC

cc: San Francisco (Encl-4)

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L-1502-last cut L-1523-1
 From: BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
 To: ALEX TRACHTENBERG

9/22/43
 3:45 PM

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Operator makes connection.

S Hello.

T Oh hello BILL. Well, how are you?

S Pretty good.

T Just like that you drop in as though you were coming from Hoboken or somethng like that.

S That's right. I heardyou are suffering from seasonal diseases.

T Yeah, by God, I have it. I was away and I thought you camin about a couple of weeks ago. You were supposed to.

S I was supposed to but I couldn't get reservations until now.

T It's kind of hard to travel nowadays. You ought to live somewhere closer you know.

S Yeah.

(There follows some rather indistinct conversation about the atmosphere of California in relation to hay fever.)

S You know that SIDNEY RILKMAN also suffers from Hay fever and he is coming out to California during the next few weeks just to avoid it out here.

T That's already late. It will be after the season.

(Continue discussing pros and cons of going to California. TRACHTENBERG says he may take a trip out there sometime but not until next year.)

S Are you busy?

T Well, listen. I am coming down. I wanted to see you. Are you going to be there in the building?

S I have to leave now but I will be here tomorrow.

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S I will be here in the morning. Do you expect to be around here?

T I have an appointment there with FOSTER (phonetic) between eleven and twelve. When are you going to be free?

S Oh I will be here allmorning.

T When will you start?

S About ten. I will be here from ten to --

T Will you have a business meeting, you think?

S Not long I think. I have to see a few people.

T I will be there about ten. I would like to see you. How long are you going to stay, by the way.

S I will probably leave tomorrow afternoon.

T Oh! Is that so. What's the rush?

S Well, my reservation is that way. (Some unimportant conversation about getting reservations.)

T Directly from here to there.

S No. I am going to Seattle.

T I see. To tell them the whole story.

S Yeah.

T That's good. So listen. Then I will see you tomorrow morning. I thought I would see you later --

(They continue talking about meeting tomorrow morning.)

S So long.

T Goodbye.

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Outgoing
(HOTEL VAN RENSLER)
(Room 310)

K-1327-last cut K-1328-1
From: BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
To: "MOTHER" ELOISE BLOOR
and MAX MARTER

9/22/43
3:48 PM

- BS Hello.
- MB Hello, BILL, are you very busy?
- BS I was just leaving. I have an appointment right now. Why?
- MB There is a gentleman here from San Francisco, by the name of MAX MARTER.
- BS Who?
- BS MAX MARTER is here at my place and he thought he would like to see you while you are here.
- BS Oh! MARTER! Well, I can't do it now, I have to leave right now, but I will be here in the morning.
- MB Alright. Tomorrow morning.
- BS Tell him to phone me on the ninth floor here tomorrow morning.
- MB Alright.
- BS Ok, thanks. Oh say mother, I forgot to tell you yesterday that I will probably see CARL.
- MB Oh, will you?
- BS Yeah. I am going that way.
- MB Oh, that's good.
- BS So, I will give him your regards. If there is anything you want me to transmit why let me know tomorrow.
- MB(inaudible) I will see you tomorrow morning.
- BS Don't make it too bulky. (Both laugh)
- MB Oh good! I will have something ready for you.

BS Yeah. Ok. So long.

BS Wait a minute. He is going to call you now and tell you where to meet him.

(MAX MARTER comes to the telephone.)

MM Hello. How are you BILL?

BS Hello, MARTER. What are you doing here?

MM Oh I came here to visit to see my mother.

BS I didn't know that.

MM When did you get here?

BS I have been here since yesterday.

MM Well, I got here Sunday night. How long

BS Well, I expect to leave tomorrow.

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BS Well I just came in on a hurry-up business trip. Well, I have to leave now, I am tied up, so I suggest you phone me in the morning. I will know just what my time schedule is tomorrow.

MM Where could I phone you?

BS Call here at the National Office of the party. It's in the phone book.

MM I went over there just about an hour ago, and I was up there.

BS Is that so?

MM And then you were here, and I said, by God, you are here and I am here, I would like to see you and say hello to you.

(Conversation from this point on is purely personal and not related.)

BS Sunday all day I have a meeting. You see is we had a conference all day Sunday, so I am So I will be busy all day Sunday on the conference. I don't know what else I may have. I guess they will keep me busy here while I am here.

BS Yeah. I suppose so. They always do.

MM They take advantage of us. Alright BILL. I am glad to hear from you.

BS I am glad to have had a chance to talk to you.

MM Alright. I will call about eleven o'clock tomorrow.

BS Alright. Goodbye.

MM Goodbye.

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[REDACTED] Incoming

K-1325-6
From: ALEX TRACHTENBERG
To: JOHNNY WILLIAMSON

9/22/43
3:20 PM

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(The operator tries to reach BILL SCHNEIDERMAN but he apparently, is not in the building. As soon as the operator sees BILL she will tell him to call TRACY. He then asks to speak to JOHNNY WILLIAMSON.)

JW Hello.

AT Hello JOHNNY. Will you be there about four-thirty or so?

JW Me? I will still be here.

AT I thought you would be busy or something like that.

(There follows some very trivial conversation which is not related.)

AT Say! What happened to BILL? Is he around do you know?

JW I just finished with him about five minutes ago and I mentioned to him; he said he was going to get in touch with you. Now, he must be around here somewhere or he might have stepped out for a bite to eat. (He asks person in the room with him whether BILL has gone out to eat. The rest of the conversation is entirely about locating BILL. The operator agrees to tell BILL, Trachty is looking for him as soon as he comes in. No further details.)

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New York, 7, New York

FBI:VCD
100-47318

September 23rd, 1943

CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN;
INTERNAL SECURITY (S)

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the original and three copies of a five-page log reflecting conferences between AL XANDER TRAGUTENBERG of International Publicists and WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN; WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, MOTHER ELLA ELIVE FELKER and CARL REEVES (phonetic); ALXANDER TRAGUTENBERG and JOSEPH WILLIAMSON.

These conferences all took place on September 22nd, 1943, according to Confidential Informant [redacted]

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It is believed that FOSTER and CARL mentioned in the log may be identified as WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and CARL REEVES, son of ELLA REEVES BLOCH.

Very truly yours,

M. M. CONNELL,
SAC

cc: San Francisco

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REPORT MADE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	DATE WHEN MADE 10-2-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-28-43	REPORT MADE BY FRANK M. FUDALI JMF/mg
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential informants have no information regarding SCHNEIDERMAN'S alleged visit to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from New York dated 9-24-43.

DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Confidential Informants [redacted] did not have any information concerning SCHNEIDERMAN'S alleged visit to Milwaukee. b7D

Reference teletype indicated that SCHNEIDERMAN would leave Chicago, Illinois at 11:15 p.m. on September 26, 1943 which would bring him into Milwaukee at approximately 12:30 a.m. on September 27, 1943.

All of the downtown Milwaukee hotels were contacted with negative results.

It should be noted that it has been the practice of visiting Party members to stop either at the Wisconsin, the Schroeder or Medford Hotels in Milwaukee. These visiting Party members never stay at the homes of Milwaukee Party members.

In view of the fact that all of the leading Wisconsin Party members in Wisconsin were in Chicago on Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26, 1943, at which time they met with EMMET BROWDER and other Mid-west leaders, it appears to be a reasonable assumption that SCHNEIDERMAN made his contact with him at Chicago and therefore, did not have any reason for

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coming to Milwaukee.

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In view of the fact the national headquarters of the International Workers Order is located in New York City the New York Field Division will still be designated as office of origin.

Naturally it will be necessary from time to time for one Field Office to set out investigative leads for another Field Division. In this connection, the Field Division covering the lead will reply to the same in a report bearing the same title as the referenced report.

In connection with the investigations of the activities of this Order, Agents in the Field should constantly be on the alert for all information of Communist infiltration, influence or control of the IWO and also for any evidence of a transfer of funds from the International Workers Order to the Communist Party, U.S.A.

The above instructions in connection with the reporting of the International Workers Order must be complied with, and any reports submitted not in accordance with these instructions will not be accepted at the ^{DOJ} ^{9/19/43} ^{Seal} of Government. These instructions are not to be construed as superseding any existing Bureau rules or regulations as to report writing in general.

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(B) DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS DEPARTMENTAL POLICY IN VIEW OF SCHNEIDERMAN CASE. -- The Department, by Circular #3663 dated September 4, 1943 to all United States Attorneys, has outlined the policy which has been formulated in view of the Supreme Court's decision in the case of William Schneiderman v. United States in which it was held that the principles and platform of the Communist Party could not be imputed to Schneiderman, a leader of Communist activities during the entire five years preceding his naturalization. A petition for rehearing of the Schneiderman case was filed by the Government on July 15, 1943. Irrespective of whether this petition is granted, the following is to be the Department's policy in regard to denaturalization cases:

- "1. Bringing to trial in each district only the strongest cases in which the evidence is sufficient to meet the burden of proof prescribed in the Schneiderman decision.
- "2. Continuing and, if necessary, dismissing without prejudice other cases pending in court in which the evidence is such as to make it doubtful whether the Government's burden of proof could be sustained. Effort will be made to obtain continuances upon the basis of the Government's desire to bring to trial only those cases which clearly meet the test prescribed by the Supreme Court until it has been clarified by the Government's motion for a rehearing filed July 15, 1943, or by the Supreme Court's opinion on a Nazi case, CONSOLIDATED to what extent the Schneiderman decision is controlling in the cases within the denaturalization program. If continuances cannot be arranged, the Government will move for dismissals without prejudice in such cases, in order to avoid bringing to trial cases which will likely be lost upon the authority of the Schneiderman decision.

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- "3. Making special effort to advance a Nazi case to the Supreme Court at the earliest practical date.
- "4. Regarding cases in the investigative stage, it must be recognized that now more evidence is needed to win cases because of the Schneiderman decision than was necessary when the denaturalization program was instituted. It accordingly appears that a large percentage of cases under investigation will never satisfy the burden of proof which the Government must bear. Accordingly, as a matter of economy and policy, it is requested that investigative attention be concentrated exclusively on those cases which appear to have substantial denaturalization possibilities. To assist you in this regard, we are reviewing the pending cases as fast as possible and recommending for each district those which we believe should be given special investigative attention and those which we believe do not merit further investigation, insofar as denaturalization is concerned. Obviously, in attempting to determine the merits of the various cases prior to complete investigation, differences in opinion as to those which should be closed and those which should be continued may arise. In any instance if you feel that our decision should be reconsidered, please feel free to recommend that the case be reexamined. Our purpose in making this review is merely to eliminate the time and expense involved in investigating cases which we do not believe will be productive in the light of the burden the Government must now bear in denaturalization cases."

The Department has further observed that in denaturalization cases based upon activity in subversive organizations, the Schneiderman decision makes it imperative to prove clearly, by overt acts, if possible, that the defendant knew the subversive aims and doctrines of the organization and agreed with them. This type of proof should include evidence of the activities of the local organization, the extent of the defendant's participation and his personal statements, writings or acts in meetings or elsewhere showing his personal Nazi or Fascist views. In many cases this can be shown only by the testimony of former members of the organization. The Supreme Court has emphasized that to meet its burden of proof the Government must produce "clear, unequivocal and convincing" evidence "which does not leave the issue in doubt." The Department has observed that this new rule prescribes even a greater burden of proof than heretofore, necessitating that the cases be even better prepared with no probative evidence being overlooked.

(C) ALIEN ENEMIES WHO OBJECT TO SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL SELECTIVE TRAINING AND SERVICE ACT. -- This Bulletin supplements Section A, Bureau Bulletin No. 34, Second Series 1943, in which is outlined the procedure to be taken regarding alien enemies objecting to service in the Armed Forces. The action to be taken by the Bureau remains the same, i. e., to initiate investigations of alien enemies objecting to service with a view to interning them. However, the Department has now advised that no attempt will be made to repatriate alien enemies objecting to service who are not eventually interned.